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ITALIAN PLANE BROUGHT DOWN IN FLAMES IN TEMBIEN AREA



His Majesty the King, above, has addressed special messages of thanks to the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the Services and the London police for their help during the funeral of His late Majesty King George.

SOME DEMANDS BY JAPAN

Sequel To Swatow Incident

NO POST MORTEM FACILITIES
AFFORDED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

In connection with the death of Susumu Tsunoda, a Japanese Consul constable in Swatow, Mr. Chuichiro Harada, Japanese Consul in that port, has presented three demands to Lient-General Li Hon-wan, Pacification Commissioner for Eastern Kwangtung, it was learned here last night.

The three demands are: (1) punishment of the perpetrators of the crime, (2) an apology by the Chinese authorities to Consul Harada, and (3) an undertaking that similar happenings will not occur in the future.

General Li is reported to have rejected these demands, as it is not known whether Tsunoda died of natural causes or was killed by a fellow countryman. At the place where he fell, there were no traces of blood, nor did any one in the neighbourhood heard any shots. The Chinese authorities insisted on a post-mortem examination, but the Japanese Consul authorities declined to give such permission, and the body was cremated the day after the death.

It is reported that Dr. Kan Chia-hou, Special Delegate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, received representations from Consul-General Tatsuo Kawai in the same connection. Confirmation is unavailable, as Dr. Kan cannot be seen in his home or office.

NORTH ATLANTIC SHIPPING.

Fate Of Conference
In Balance

London, To-day.

The fate of the North Atlantic Shipping Conference was in the balance at yesterday's meeting, which opened under a cloud on account of the Cunard-White Star's threatened withdrawal. It is understood that a solution has not yet been found of the thorny problem of whether the liner Queen Mary will be rated a first class or a cabin steamer. The discussions are being continued. — Reuter.

QUEEN'S MESSAGE TO THE NATION

"WITH ALL MY HEART I
THANK YOU"

UPHELD BY PEOPLE'S SYMPATHY

London, To-day.

Her Majesty Queen Mary, in a message from Buckingham Palace, says:—

"I must send you, the people of this nation and empire, my deepest gratitude for all the sympathy with which, at this time of sorrow, you have surrounded me. It is indeed a gratitude so deep that I cannot find words to express it, but the simplest words are the best.

"I can only say with all my heart: I thank you. In my own great sorrow I have been upheld not only by the strength of your sympathy, but also by the knowledge that you shared my grief, for I have been deeply moved by the signs, so full and touching, that the passing of my dear husband brought a real sense of personal sorrow to all his subjects.

"In the midst of my grief I rejoice to think that after his reign of 25 years he lived to know that he had received a reward in the overflowing measure of loyalty and love of his people. Although he will be no longer at my side — and no words can tell how I shall miss him — I trust that, with God's help, I may still be able to continue some part at least of the service which for 42 years of happy married life we tried together to give to this great land and empire.

"During the coming years, with all the changes they must bring, you will, I know, let me have a place in your thoughts and prayers. I commend to you my dear son as he enters on his reign, in the confident hope that you will give him the same devotion and loyalty as you gave so abundantly to his father.

"God bless you, dear people, for all the wonderful love and sympathy with which you have sustained me." — Reuter.

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FINAL FIGURES IN GREEK ELECTION

Athens, to-day. — The final figures in the Greek election give the Liberals or Venizelist Allies 142 and the other parties 143 seats, while the Communists gain 15. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

THE FUTURE OF GREECE

Venezilist Leader's
Statement

COALITION WITH KONDYLIS
DESIRED

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Athens, To-day.

The Venizelist leader, M. Sophoulis, head of the party that captured 125 seats out of 300 in Sunday's elections and who will possibly be entrusted with the formation of the new Government, or at least invited to collaborate, made his anxiously awaited pronouncement on Tuesday about the aims and principles of his party under the restored Monarchy. Owing to the abortive Venizelist inauguration last year, this statement at the present juncture is highly pregnant.

M. Sophoulis declared unequivocally that the best solution for Greece's political problems would be a coalition, but as General Kondylis appears unprepared to collaborate in such a coalition, the next best way out is a smaller coalition. At all events, says M. Sophoulis, the most important aim at this moment is the establishment of domestic peace and the removal of party discord. (Continued on Page 15)

HIS MAJESTY TO TOUR EMPIRE

Coronation In Each
Dominion

COLONIES MAY ALSO BE
VISITED

London, To-day.

The King will tour the Empire after his coronation, according to the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Herald," who declares that it is felt that there must be some kind of accession ceremony with the King present in each Dominion, and there will possibly be an actual coronation ceremony in each Dominion capital.

He adds that the tour will include an Imperial Durbar at Delhi in the autumn of 1937. It is expected that the tour will last nine or 10 months, and, if time permits, some of the chief Colonies will also be visited. — Reuter.

FAR EASTERN CLOUDS

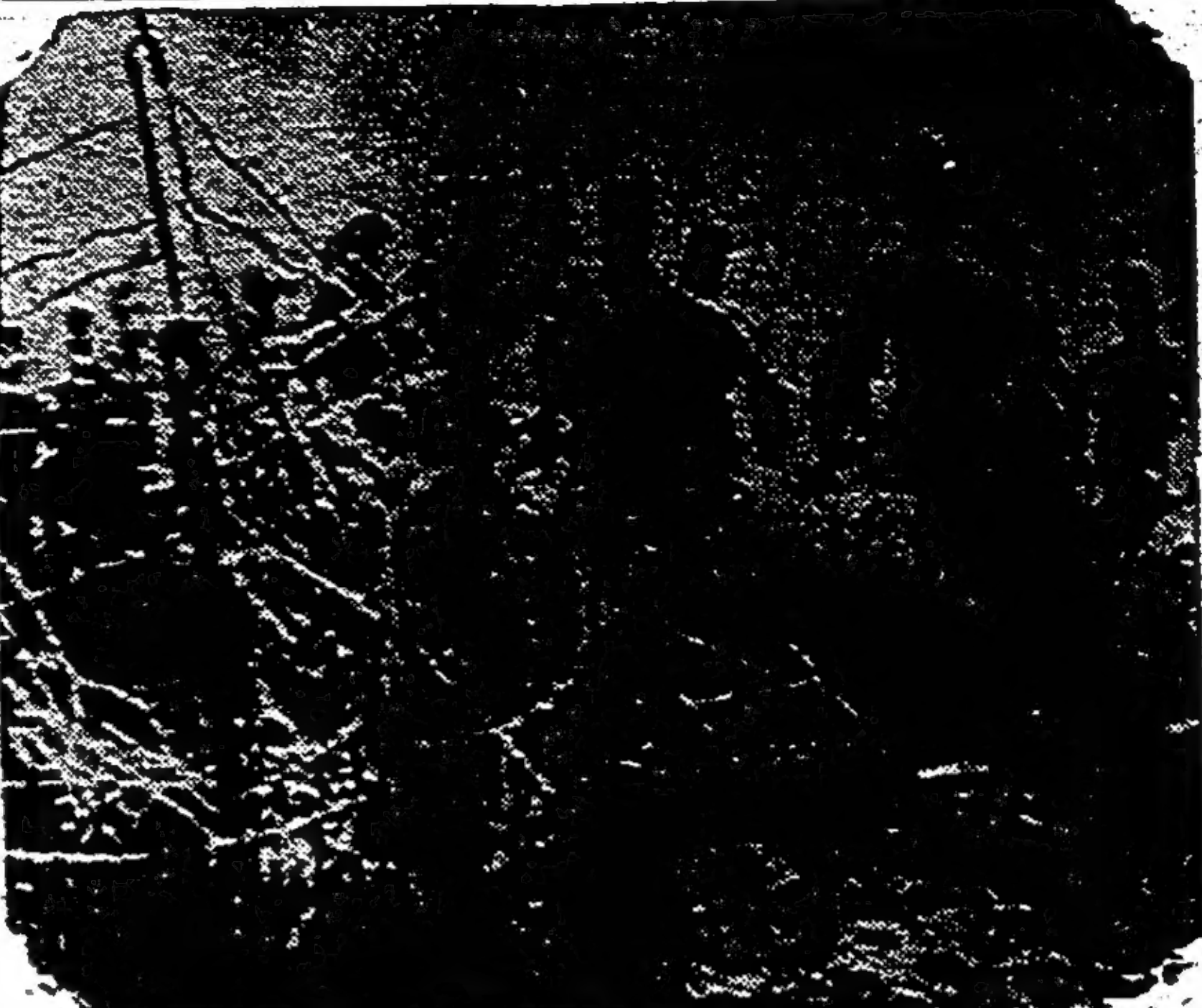
Another Incident
In Manchuria

TENSE SITUATION ARISES

Moscow, To-day.

The news of another sensational incident comes from the frontiers of Manchuria, where a tense situation has developed between Japan and Manchukuo on the one hand and the Soviet and protected Outer Mongolian Republic on the other.

A fully armed company of over 100 Manchukuo troops, according to a Khabarovsk telegram, entered Soviet territory at Grodekovo and asked for asylum. The commander, a Manchurian Lieutenant, stated that the company had "suffered" against the Japanese authorities and that four Japanese officers had been killed. The Soviet authorities disarmed and interned the company. — Reuter.



Made under extreme difficulties by a daring photographer who preceded the Italians charging through a gap in the Ethiopian barbed wire entanglements at Adowa, to get it, this photograph stands out among the best of the year 1935. Snake made it a technical as well as a physical achievement.

WINGS OVER EUROPE SOVIET RUSSIAN MENACE

London, To-day.

A Memorandum submitted to the League of Nations Council by the Vice-President of the Slovakian National Council, M. Viktor Dvorzhak, draws attention to the dangers of a Soviet Russian penetration into Central Europe, which is stated to have been furthered by the military pact between the Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, and has led to the latter country becoming the airbase for the Soviet Union, which has evidently considered the 600 miles distance from Minsk to Berlin to be dangerous in case of war, and has thus achieved its aim of establishing its airforce in Czechoslovakia, from where Berlin, Warsaw, Budapest and Vienna are easily reached.

GERMANY AND THE RHINELAND

No Militarisation Likely

London, To-day.

In view of the significance attributed in some quarters to Mr. Anthony Eden's conversations with the French and German Foreign Ministers, Reuter learns that it is not anticipated in London that the Germans contemplate any such move as the re-militarisation of the Rhineland. — Reuter.

LONDON NAVAL PARLEY

Definite Proposals
For Limitation

ACCEPTED AS BASIS FOR
DISCUSSION

London, To-day.

Concrete suggestions to limit the size of warships were advanced yesterday by Lord Monsell at the meeting of the First Committee of the Naval Conference, namely, battleships with a maximum of 35,000 tons and 14-inch guns, and a possible reduction of two or three thousand tons; aircraft-carriers of 22,000 tons and 6.8-inch guns; a temporary cessation of the building of 10,000-ton cruisers; B class cruisers of 5,000 to 8,000 tons with 6.1-inch guns.

The accommodate France and Italy, who have larger destroyers than the previous treaties prescribed, Lord Monsell suggested that B class cruisers and destroyers be put in a joint category.

The United States, France and Italy accepted the scheme as a basis of discussion, but France and Italy urged smaller battle ships, France suggesting 25,000 tons. Mr. Norman Davis suggested extending the life of a battleship to 25 years. — Reuter.

GAMBLING DENS RAIDED

Police Clean-Up
In Peiping

MOSTLY RUN BY KOREANS

Peiping, To-day.

The police last night raided three gambling and drug dens in different parts of the city, arresting 654 people, including several Koreans and six Chinese women, besides seizing considerable quantities of opium and heroin.

The police were accompanied by Japanese Consul police, to whom the arrested Koreans were handed over. The proprietor of one house, a Korean, was among those arrested.

During recent weeks at least a dozen such houses have been opened at Peiping with little attempt to cover their identity, being openly promoted. The promoters were generally Koreans and had Japanese elements who worked through Chinese tools.

The nationality of the promoters made the police wary, but last night's raid indicated that the Japanese authorities here are just as desirous of cleaning up this place as the Chinese authorities. It is expected that raids on other places will follow.

These houses run all forms of gambling, including roulette, while on the upper floors opium and heroin are freely obtainable, and prostitution is not uncommon. — Reuter.

PARACHUTIST DIES BY HANGING

TWO CHURCHES BURNED
TO GROUND

ITALIAN COLUMN PUT TO FLIGHT
BY PATROL

Dessie, To-day.

A communique issued from the Abyssinian northern army headquarters says that a squadron of Italian aeroplanes bombed the Abbi Addi and Tembien district and burned down two churches.

The men opened fire with rifles and brought down one of the planes in flames. One occupant leapt out with a parachute and landed in a high mimosa tree, where he was hanged. The other two were burned to death.

A patrol of 19 men belonging to the army of Dedjasmach Sahle ambushed a column of white Italian soldiers near Makalle, killing 35. The rest fled, leaving five lorries loaded with munitions and foodstuffs.

The fort at Shouma Abera, which was taken during the great battle begun on January 20, is still held, despite repeated Italian attacks. Thirteen guns and 24 machine-guns were captured, which brings the total spoils to 23 guns and 125 machine-guns. The battle continues. — Reuter.

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SWEDISH REPLY TO ROME

Red Cross Units Need
Protection

MUNITIONS FOR USE OF
ESCORT

Rome, To-day.

"Of course, it is obvious that any transport in Africa must be provided with arms and ammunition," said an official in the Swedish Legation here, commenting on the statement in the Italian press bulletin. No. 108 that 27 cases of ammunition were found in the captured Swedish Red Cross outfit. This Swedish Ambulance, it was stated by the Swedish official, had an escort of 20 Abyssinian soldiers, which protection had showed itself absolutely necessary, as three times during the long march from Addis Ababa to the Dolo territory, the ambulance had been menaced by nomadic tribes, who did not understand its use, and merely looked upon it as a band of foreigners. — Trans-Ocean Service.

VIGOROUS DENIAL
Addis Ababa: The Ethiopian Red Cross categorically deny the Italian allegation that the captured Swedish lorries contained munitions. — Reuter's Bulletin Service.

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OIL EMBARGO MR. EDEN REPORTS TO CABINET

QUESTION OF NATIONAL
DEFENCE REVIEWED

London, To-day.

The Cabinet, at a meeting which lasted two hours, heard Mr. Anthony Eden's report on the recent meeting of the League Council, particularly with regard to the technical committee on the off-sanctions, and discussed the instructions to the British representatives at the meeting of the committee opening at Geneva on Monday.

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MR. HU HAN-MIN BETTER

Invitation To Kwangsi
Declined

OF POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

Mr. Hu Han-min, the Kuomintang statesman, is slightly better this morning after a quiet rest and medical attention by Dr. Teng Chen-tak, Municipal Commissioner of Public Health. There is a gradual relief of his high blood pressure.

Although the Kwangsi Provincial Kuomintang has invited Mr. Hu Han-min to visit Kwangsi, he has politely declined to go, on the ground of ill-health. If Mr. Hu is unable to go to Kwangsi, he will be asked to go to Nanking at once. However, the Kwangsi invitation is of political significance. This means that if Nanking or Canton becomes disagreeable to Mr. Hu, he can go to Kwangsi.

Canton's welcome to Mr. Hu was most enthusiastic, he being urged to remain here instead of going to Nanking, but before he went to Europe Mr. Hu's advice was not often acted upon by those in power here. For this reason, Mr. Hu's supporters persuaded him to go to Nanking, where they will have better Government posts.

The Kwangsi Provincial Kuomintang is told that if there are any important suggestions to Mr. Hu Han-min, they can be transmitted through General Li Chung-jen, the Kwangsi Commander-in-Chief, who is in Canton.

NEW ZEALAND LABOUR

Some Revolutionary
Changes

Wellington, To-day.

Revolutionary changes in employment policy are announced by the Minister of Public Works, Mr. Semple. He declared the intention to abolish relief work on public works, to institute a 40-hour week, improved working conditions, and equal pay for married or single workers or whites. He added that the Government was unanimous on the matter. — Reuter.



Sporting Page



FORMIDABLE PAIRINGS IN COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHINA FLEET BOXING TOURNAMENT

PROGRAMME CURTAILED THIS YEAR

BUT SOME GOOD FIGHTS SEEN

DUE to the fact that there are not as many ships in port as in previous years, the China Fleet Boxing Championships, which were held recently at the China Fleet Club, were somewhat curtailed and most of the fights seen were either in the "Boy" or "Novices" class.

On the night of the finals, however, a special programme was arranged when some of the Colony's leading lights in the Noble Art were seen in action, notable among them being A. B. Prandy, holder of the Colony lightweight belt.

A. B. Wingrave, H.M.S. Medway and A. B. Fancy, H.M.S. Medway, who have both taken prominent parts in tournaments sponsored by the Hong Kong Boxing Association in the past, provided the spectators with a good fight in a special welter-weight contest, the latter just securing the verdict.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE TO HAVE TWO DIVISIONS

Mackinlay Varsity Among Seniors

LITTLE FOREIGN INTEREST BEYOND POLICE

In view of the increasing popularity of basketball in the Colony, the Hong Kong Basketball Association have this year decided to run two divisions instead of one, as hitherto.

Twelve teams have entered for the Senior Divisions and, with the exception of the Hong Kong University and the Indian Police, all are from Chinese Clubs.

A new entrant this season is Mackinlay Varsity. The players of this team are composed of old boys from Mackinlay University, Chicago, and are said to be very good.

No Foreign Interest
Little interest seems to have been taken by foreign teams during the last few years, but in the past, The Modern Club, The Aces, Club de Recreio and the Americans entered teams.

The Junior Division is composed of teams from the different schools, though it is interesting to note that the Commercial Press are also in this event.

The following are the teams in the Leagues:
SENIOR:
St. Joseph's College, Lai Heng Athletic Club, Hong Kong University, Chinese Y.M.C.A., South China Athletic Y.M.C.A., Wah Kai College, Mackinlay University, Indian Police, Yui Club, South China (Nam) and South China (Wah).

JUNIOR:
Wai Tai College, Wah Kai College, Ling Nam Athletic Association, Fung Wan Club, Young Men's Catholic Society and the Commercial Press.

COLONY BILLIARDS CHAMPIONSHIPS C.Q.M.S. STAPLES ELIMINATED

In spite of a lead of 38 points at the halfway stage, H. W. Staples was finally beaten by 500 points to 338, by E. D. de Rosa in the Senior Billiards Championship of the Colony, at the Civil Service Cricket Club last night.

At the Club Lusitano, M. N. Rakusen overcame J. P. McGowan by 500 points to 343. Rakusen recorded the highest break, a 38.

In the Junior Billiards Championship, Dr. J. A. E. Selby lost to F. R. Zimmerman by 283 points to 300 at the Sports Club, while E. Noronha beat Wong King-choi by 200 points to 198 at the same place.



Estelle Weigel, Aubrey Peppe, Louise Weigel and Maribel Vinson, American national champions (l. to r.), were successful women fancy skaters in the recent New York tests and will represent the United States at the winter Olympics in Germany.

C.R.C. BADMINTON VICTORY OVER FIRE BRIGADE

GOOD AWAY WIN SECURED

ELLIOT HALL "B" TROUCE K.T.C.

After an interval of almost two weeks, the Men's Doubles Badminton League was continued last night, when the Chinese Recreation Club beat the Fire Brigade Recreation Club by 6 sets to 3 at the Central Police Station.

The St. John's Club secured an overwhelming win over the St. Andrew's "B" team by winning all nine sets at the St. John's Church Hall, while at the Elliot Hostel, the Kowloon Tong Club suffered defeat once more at the hands of the Elliot Hall "B" team, who also won by nine sets to nil.

The Elliot Hall seniors obtained a walk-over from the Talkoo Recreation Club.

Detailed results of the three games were as follows:

Fire Brigade Lose
At the Central Police Station last night, the Chinese Recreation Club beat the Fire Brigade Recreation Club by 6 sets to 3:

J. E. Shute and W. Stoke (Fire Brigade) lost to Gordon Lum and S. P. Chan 10-21
best W. C. Choy and H. W. Ho 21-13
best W. C. Hing and S. W. Liang 21-11
J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher (Fire Brigade) lost to Lum and Chan 11-21
best Choy and Ho 21-13
lost to Hing and Liang 16-21
E. Greenwood and L. D. Skinner (Fire Brigade) lost to Lum and Chan 6-21
lost to Choy and Ho 10-21
lost to Hing and Liang 10-21

Elliot Hall Win
At the Elliot Hostel last night, the Elliot Hall "B" team beat the Kowloon Tong Club by 9 sets to nil:

B. K. Ng and K. I. Yung (Elliot Hall "B") beat A. A. Gray and G. A. White 21-8
best P. Leung and J. M. Pong 21-9
best B. K. Wong and C. Wong 21-0
B. E. Tan and W. N. Cheung (Elliot Hall "B") beat Gray and White 21-11
best Leung and Pong 21-1
best Wong and Wong 21-0
C. H. So and A. K. Sheng (Elliot Hall "B") beat Gray and White 21-8
best Leung and Pong 21-5
best Wong and Wong 21-1

Clean Sweep Win
At the St. John's Hall last night, the St. John's Club beat the St. Andrew's "B" team by 9 sets to nil:

F. H. Kwok and G. A. Smith (St. John's) beat St. Andrew's "B" 21-7
best St. Andrew's "B" 21-7
best L. E. Kirby and J. Dawson 21-1

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL SPORTS AT WANCHAI

GOVERNOR TO BE PRESENT

The annual sports of the Children's Playground Association will be held on the Southern Playground (Wanchai) on Saturday, March 7.

His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to be present and will distribute the prizes at the conclusion of the sports.

The prizes for the entire meeting have been generously donated by Sir Thomas Southern. The preliminaries will be held a week before, both on the Southern playground, in Wanchai, and the McPherson playground, in Kowloon, and the afternoon's sport will conclude with a small ball football game between Hong Kong and Kowloon.

CAMBRIDGE WIN

Irish Rugby Trial

London, To-day.
In their friendly Rugby encounter yesterday, Cambridge University, playing away from home, beat Guy's Hospital by 11 points to 3.

The Irish trial resulted in a win for Whites over Blues by 24 points to 14.

The Rugby Union County Championship game between Berkshire and Sussex at Reading, was not played.—Reuter.

SIR JOHN SIMON AT GOLF

Sir John Simon appeared with Miss Euid Wilson, the former British champion, in a golf match at Walton-on-the-Naze recently to celebrate the election of Sir Albert Clavering as captain of the Naze club. They played Miss Kathleen Garnham and Sir Albert Clavering in a foursome over 18 holes.

best S. A. Broadbridge and L. MacKay 21-11
best E. K. and Norman Smith (St. John's) 21-11
best W. H. and White 21-11
best Kirby and Dawson 21-11
best Broadbridge and MacKay 21-0
J. Bennett and David Keck (St. John's) beat W. H. and White 21-11
best Kirby and Dawson 21-11
best Broadbridge and MacKay 21-11

HUNG AND FINCHER PARTNERED

GOLDMAN AND PEARCE TO MAKE BID

W. C. CHOY'S CHALLENGE FOR SINGLES TITLE?

(By "Referee")

ALTHOUGH the Colony Open Lawn Tennis Championships are over a month away, preparations are now being made by many intending participants, and already doubles partnerships are being formed in all Clubs in the Colony.

The Rummah cousins, "H. D. and S. A." holders, will again be defending their Open Doubles title, but the splendid partnership between Ho Ka-lau and W. C. Hung, of the C.R.C., last year's runners-up, has unavoidably been split up as the former is shortly leaving the Colony for the North.

Hung will partner E. C. Fincher, who last year reached the semi-final round with Captain Errol Manners, R.N., only to scratch because the latter left the Colony in his ship for the North. Hung and Fincher will probably provide the biggest obstacle to the champions retaining their title.

Lee Wai-tong, who last season partnered Paul Kong, the former Chinese Davis Cup player, will probably pair up with Luk Ding-cheung, with whom he won the C.R.C. Doubles Championship and in doing so defeated Ho Ka-lau and W. C. Hung!

The brothers in Tak-lam and In Tak-cheuk, who have competed in this event for several years, are not quite certain whether they will enter this year as the former is just recovering from a severe bout of malaria.

Formidable Pair
Another formidable pair in the Open Doubles will be L. Goldman, a finalist on four occasions, but who did not compete last year, and T. A. Pearce. The latter's powerful service and overhead work, coupled with Goldman's steadiness, should enable this pair to go very far in the event.

The C.R.C. will probably be entering yet another strong pair in Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yim-pui, who are reputed to have improved considerably since last season.

The Shute twins, who caused a minor sensation last year by their extraordinary tennis, are also likely to enter again.

Singles Title
As for the singles title, since G. R. M. Ricketts' departure from the Colony, it looks very much as if Sirdar Rummah will retain his title, although there is a possibility that W. C. Choy, the Cambridge Blue, and latest arrival in the Colony, may enter the tournament.

Choy took a set off Jack Crawford, of Australia, in the Queen's Club tournament and has beaten Gordon Lum, of Shanghai, on numerous occasions. Should he decide to compete there is every likelihood that he will win.

CHINA TO CHALLENGE FOR DAVIS CUP

But In Which Zone Not Yet Decided Upon

China have definitely decided to enter for the Davis Cup International Lawn Tennis competition once again, but have not yet come to a decision regarding a challenge in the European or American Zones.

It was recently announced from Shanghai that a decision would be reached in the very near future and that in all probability W. C. Choy, the Cambridge Blue, who is one of the finest Chinese tennis players in the world, will be selected as first string.

SOCCER BLOW TO SOUTH CHINA

Canton Players For Northern Tour

The Canton Police football team are to make a tour of Shanghai, Tientsin and Nanking at the beginning of next month, during which they will play a series of games.

It was originally intended to visit Siam, but this trip has now been cancelled. During their absence, the South China teams will be greatly handicapped as most of their First Division players will be travelling North.

The following players will be making the tour:—Wong Wing, Chan Kee-cheung, Lee Tin-sang, Tam Kong-pak, Lee Kam, Chan Ming-kwai, Lau Hing-choi, Yeung Shui-riek, Fung King-cheung, Ip Pak-wah and Lau Chong-kwan.



The tradition that a good game of pool is a sure sign of a mis-spent youth, was shattered by Jimmy Garas, who won shakels and top honours in his profession in the recent world's pocket billiards championship at New York. At the age of 25, he is the second youngest player ever to hold the title.

CLUB SHARE SPOILS WITH DORSETSHIRE

Griffiths And Meeke In The Limelight

NEWCOMER ON DISPLAY

(By "REFeree")
A scrappy but interesting Rugby match was witnessed at Happy Valley yesterday when the Club drew with H.M.S. Dorsetshire by a penalty goal (3 points) to a try (3 points), although they were playing with only seven forwards throughout.

The Club commenced with several men short and it was during this period that the Dorsetshire scored their only points when Smith dribbled over in a loose rush for an unconverted try. The Club forwards were heeling the ball much better in the latter stages of the first half and several good passing bouts were witnessed, but the Navy backs were tackling hard and low and the Club failed to break through, although they came very near to it on several occasions.

Meeke Shines
Meeke was seen in the stand-off position and again displayed a fine burst of speed and swerve and almost crossed over once, when but for lack of support the Club might have scored.

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FRIENDLY SOCCER

Volunteers To Meet Artillery

The Battery and Engineers of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps and the Royal Artillery, Stonecutters, will meet in a friendly football match on the Kowloon Football Club ground on Sunday, commencing at 10.30 a.m.

The Commandant of the Volunteers, Lieut. Col. H. E. L. Dowbiggin, O.B.E., has kindly consented to kick-off.

The following will represent the Volunteer team:—Fogwell (Engineers), Everest (Engineers) and Hill (Battery); Gamble (Battery); Millington (Battery); Boyd (Engineers); Wood (Battery); Hooper (Engineers); E. Strange (Battery); Brown (Engineers) and Rickford (Battery).

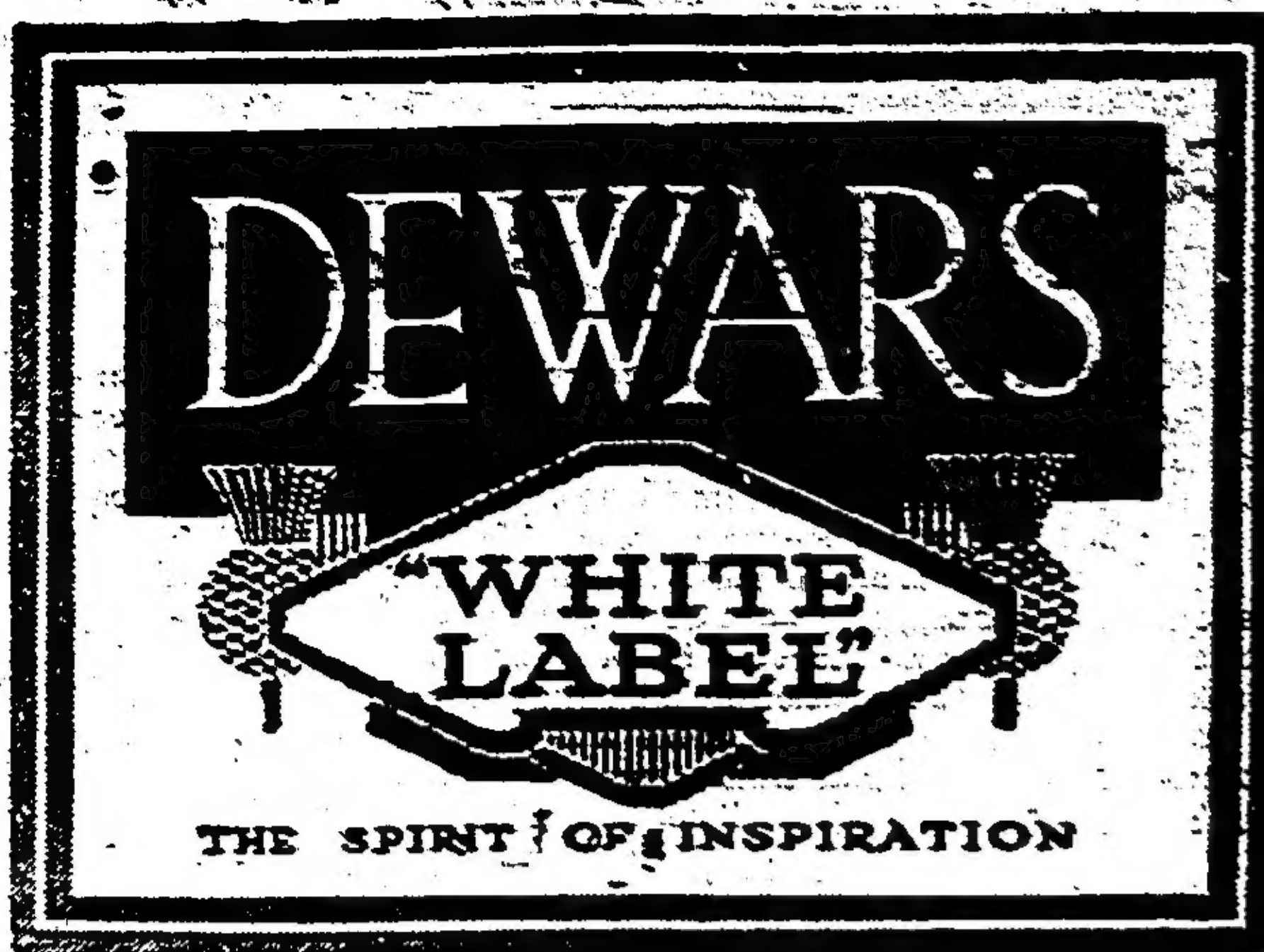
Reserve: Stephens (Battery); Westley (Engineers) and Webb (Battery).
Referee: Mr. H. P. Scrutton, H.M.S. Dorsetshire.
Lineament: Capt. Sgt. Major J. J. Everest, M.B.E.

Programme For Grand National Meeting

The following is the programme Plate 1—1 1/4 miles. A hurdle race for the Fanling Hunt and Race for China Ponies that in the Club's Grand National Meeting, opinion of the Committee are to be held at Kwai on Sunday, February 15.

Race No. 1—2.30 p.m.—The Kwai barred Catchweight 168 lbs. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry Fee \$3.
Race No. 2—The Ladies' Country Race—Over a country course of about 2 miles finishing on the Race Course. For China Ponies that in the opinion of the Committee are bona fide hunters. To be ridden by ladies. Catchweight 135 lbs. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry Fee \$3. A souvenir will be presented to the winning rider.

Race No. 3—The Fanling Grand National—2 miles. A handicap for China Ponies. Winner a Cup or \$50; 2nd \$30; 3rd \$20. Entry Fee \$3.
Race No. 4—The Fanling Memorial Cup—1 1/2 miles. A handicap for China Ponies. Winner to hold for one year. The Challenge Cup with replica presented. 2nd \$40; 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$3.
Race No. 5—The Fanling Plate—1 1/4 miles. A hurdle race for the Fanling Hunt and Race for China Ponies that in the Club's Grand National Meeting, opinion of the Committee are to be held at Kwai on Sunday, February 15.



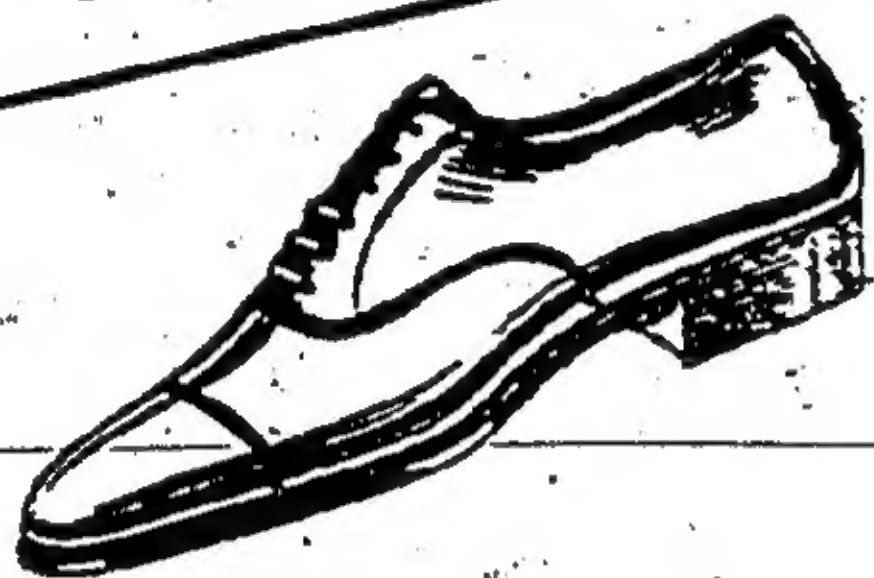
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Confusion In North China

It would be very interesting to know just how much importance to attach to the latest news from North China—it goes without saying that whatever importance it may have will not be found on the surface. We are told that there are prospects of a clash between two administrations, each supported by troops, and each professing to be in favour of the Japanese policy of autonomy. The Hebei-Chanhai Political Council is said to have come into conflict with the anti-Communist administration of Yin Yu-keng. Other reports say that the force which was encountered was a contingent of bandits 2,000 strong. As the fighting is said to have been fierce and long continued, they must be well disciplined for bandits, and from the point of view of the peaceful farmer it does not seem to matter very much. The fact remains that at Changchingshow, which is only 27 miles north of Peiping, organised forces are conducting a somewhat serious affair, and neither Nanking, nor Hebei, nor Major-General Dohara is able to protect the inhabitants from the violence of uncontrolled soldiery. That is in itself serious enough.

We are more concerned with the evidence this disturbance affords that there is not as yet any indication of any central control, whether Chinese or Japanese. The kernel of the mischief is that the local commandants of large numbers of half-trained militia cannot be trusted by any party to play for anything but their own hand. From whatever source the restraining hand may come it would be better for the recovery of the country that there should be some superior authority whom these ambitious adventurers fear, for no other motive will appeal to them. Judging merely from their conduct we infer that they are not at present standing in any fear of Major-General Kenji Dohara, and that "pro-Japanese" just now is a synonym for "pro-self."

What are the prizes at stake? We may omit all reference to anything before the rise in silver which upset Chinese exporting trades, and therewith much of the domestic industry. The high price of silver suited Japanese producers very well, for their low-priced yen enabled them to undersell many of the Chinese producers, and all the foreign merchants. Their exports to North China began to leap up despite the remnants of the boycott, and they took their payment in silver, which they were able to sell in the United States at a good price, while the wholesale smuggling of silver increased. China's difficulties still further. Then came the request for aid to England as to how to meet the continual rise in the currency, and the visit of Sir Frederick Leith-Ross. Transferred on to a managed coinage, which at one stroke made further American purchases useless, by the fall in the price of the yuan put the Chinese merchants once more on a level with Japan on which they could compete. We know how unwelcome this was to Tokyo. Not only did the Government attempt to dissuade Sir Frederick from proceeding with his work, but

CORRESPONDENCE

Film Of Late King's Funeral

(To The Editor, "China Mail")

Sir,—We have received enquiries from residents in the Colony requesting us to inform them regarding the approximate date on which they may expect to see the film of the funeral of the late King George V.

We would appreciate it if you would kindly publish the following information in your correspondence columns.

Special arrangements have been concluded by cable with our London Office to make an extra copy of the Paramount British newsreel covering the funeral and we have been notified by cable from London that the Hong Kong copy leaves Croydon this morning (Wednesday) for Paris to connect with the Air France plane for Hanoi, where the French postal authorities make immediate transshipment of all airmail destined for Hong Kong. The Air France plane is due in Hanoi on February 7. This special newsreel is therefore expected in Hong Kong on or about February 11 and will be submitted for censorship the same day and immediately released in the Queen's Theatre.

These special arrangements will enable residents to see the film in about a fortnight instead of waiting for the usual copies to arrive from the Hollywood Studios.

B. A. PROULX.

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official protests were lodged and the newspapers denounced the whole policy. The whole impression that one gets is that arguments based on the interests of China were disregarded, and the motive behind them was disbelieved and misrepresented. The counter-move was to attempt to withdraw as much of the Northern Districts as possible from currency control by Nanking, presumably with the object of substituting silver as the standard. And this was to be backed by the seizure of the Customs—Against which Sir Frederick Maze at once lodged a formal protest—which would at once have the consequence of making the payment of interest on foreign loans uncertain, and reducing the national finance to chaos. The Central Government would be expected to draw the conclusion that the only safe course would, as the Japanese spokesman said, be "to adopt a sincere concurrence with Japanese policy on any subject which might be considered to affect the interests of the Far East." In other words, to become a protectorate.

That this policy is short-sighted is shown by the fact that it is in conflict with the other main ostensible motive of Japanese policy—to isolate China, Manchukuo and Japan from the infectious disease of Communism. For this purpose the true line of policy should be to make the North of China as strong and prosperous as possible, for it is discontent that opens the way to revolutionary propaganda. Control of Mongolia and the neighbouring provinces would enable Japan, from the military point of view, to transfer a war with Russia from Manchukuo to the railway "bottle-neck" at the south end of Lake Baikal. Wise statesmanship would aim at having a contented people with plenty of reserve stores behind such a strategic move, even if all considerations of the danger of opposition from foreigners were laid aside. That is not the kind of foresight that appeals to a military staff, as much bitter experience has taught us. But it is not absent from the minds of men like Mr. Koki Hirota and other civilian Ministers, who have voted for a general election which will be practically an appeal for a decision for or against the independent action of the Kwangtung Army. The issue is uncertain, and funds are low, and for the moment Major-General Dohara has to await the decision. The Tachibana feel that for the moment they cannot liberate, and the old inside once again shows its head.

Here There and Everywhere.

SOLDIER IN 1860

Few men can look back on a greater panorama of public life than Sir Bindon Blood, who was 88 recently.

The "Father of the British Army" had already been a "Boutenant" in the Royal Engineers for 10 years when the purchase of commissions was abolished by Royal Warrant 64 years ago.

He can remember conversations with General Gordon in the sixties. His memories of Mr. Winston Churchill as a young ensign attached to his staff are comparatively recent.

Mr. Churchill met him at Lord William Bessford's house at Deepdene in 1896. One Sunday morning Mr. Churchill extracted from him a promise that should trouble again break out on the North-West Frontier he would be allowed to serve.

MR. CHURCHILL'S GENERAL

When the second Malakand campaign started he reminded the General of his promise, and was taken on his staff.

Mr. Churchill has left a vivid picture of the fighting commander of the Malakand Field Force.

Referring to Sir Bindon Blood's ancestor, Capt. Blood, who attempted to steal the Crown Jewels in the reign of Charles II, Mr. Churchill says that Sir Bindon regarded it

as the most glorious event in his family history, and in consequence he had warm sympathy with the Pathan tribes on the Indian frontier, all of whom would have completely understood the incident in all its bearings and would have bestowed unstinting and discriminating applause on all parties.

The Pathans, notorious freebooters, would have sympathised with Charles II's pardon for Blood, and the command he subsequently gave him.

Your Daily Smile!

Small Boy (reading paper): "Do you have to have a license for a bicycle now, dad?"

Dad: "No, Way!"

Small Boy: "Then it says here a man was fined for peddling without a license."

It's A Sport

The pentathlon is a combination of five athletic events as in the case of unfolding a deck chair.

Year's Worst Pun

"Our business is picking up," remarked one of the prominent waste-paper collectors in a South London park recently.

TOLSTOY'S HOME AS A MUSEUM

SOVIET HONOURS FOR THE MAN

BUT THEY DESPISE HIM AS SOCIAL THINKER

(By A. T. Cholerton)

TO commemorate the 25th anniversary of Leo Tolstoy's death, I was invited to join an official delegation of "Soviet Authors" on a visit to his former estate of Yasnaya Polyana, 140 miles south of Moscow.

We were a motley crowd. Soviet authors predominated, but there were also political refugees from Spain, a street fighter from Vienna, a half-caste American poet, and "bourgeois journalists" from such unexpected places as Tokyo, Canton, Athens, and Istanbul.

Yasnaya Polyana is a plain, wooden, white-plastered house, with green rainpipes and gutters, simple as only the smaller Slav country houses can be, situated, as it name implies, in a "bright-clearing" of the sober forest of birch and fir. It stands on a slight eminence above the rough old highway from Moscow to Black Sea and Caucasus, with its once ceaseless flow of pilgrims and vagabonds so dear to Tolstoy's heart.

There the greatest of Russian prose writers—and greatest-hearted of Russian gentlemen—was born, spent much of his childhood, and nearly all his mature life. There he was brought back to be buried in the forest glade of his own choice, under a plain moss-covered mound, on which wreaths of pine twigs lay, with no inscription.

There he wrote his chief masterpieces, and later, in that simple, noble setting, he developed and practised his noble, frugal philosophy, which the Bolsheviks have in their turn, like the pre-revolutionary Orthodox Church, banned as a social evil.

The house and its commons have none the less been scrupulously preserved as a national museum under the Red Commissariat of Education, and last year they were visited by over

23,000 persons—ten times as many as in 1927. The Soviet Government has also built there a surprisingly well equipped and beautifully decorated district hospital and a model secondary school, both named after Tolstoy.

"Military Corner"

But at the foot of his big plaster statue in the entrance hall of the school they have now established, in violation of Tolstoy's deepest feelings, a "military corner," with a portable machine-gun and other engines of war. The Bolsheviks honour the great artist, as who would not? They respect the "good old man who loved peasants." But they despise the social thinker, with his vague, sentimental economic theories and his doctrine of non-resistance to evil, contrasting him with Lenin and Stalin, creative protagonists of Class War, Socialist Construction and National Defence.

Proceedings began with the election of an "honorary president," consisting of such notable Tolstoyan figures as the imprisoned German Communist chief Telemann, as Defence Commissar Voroshilov, and Joseph Stalin himself, to salute whom the audience were continually called to their feet. A learned professor described the saintly count's life on this estate. A peasant told how fast it is now going ahead under Collectivisation.

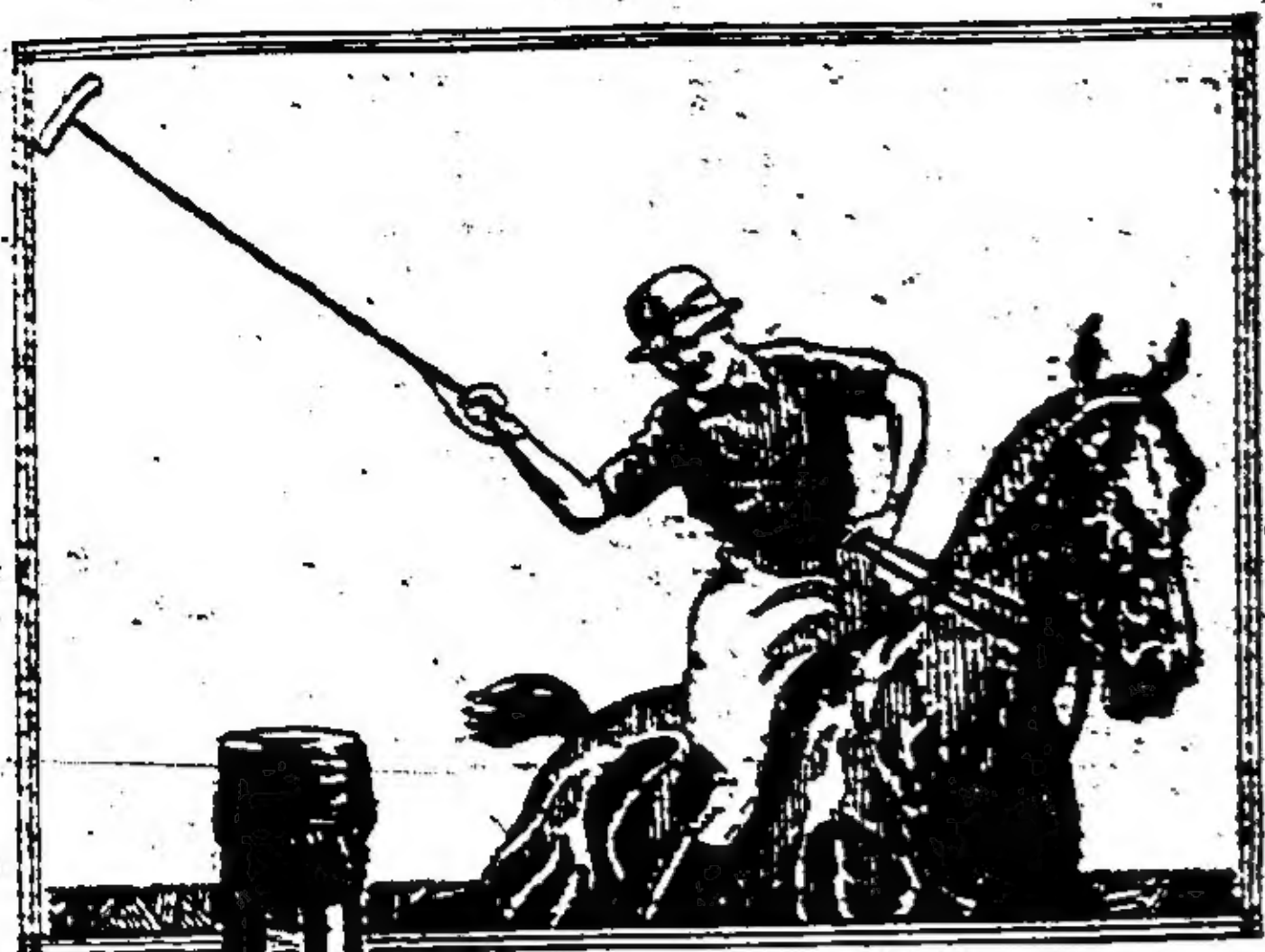
Estate Visited

We were left free to visit the estate. Count Leo Tolstoy inherited from his parents a vast wooden mansion of 37 principal rooms, built by his maternal grandfather, Prince Nicolas Volkonski (the "Old Prince" of the novel "War and Peace"), and flanked by two pavilions. In 1858, under the pressure of his creditors, the young count sold the main building for the absurd sum of £200 to a

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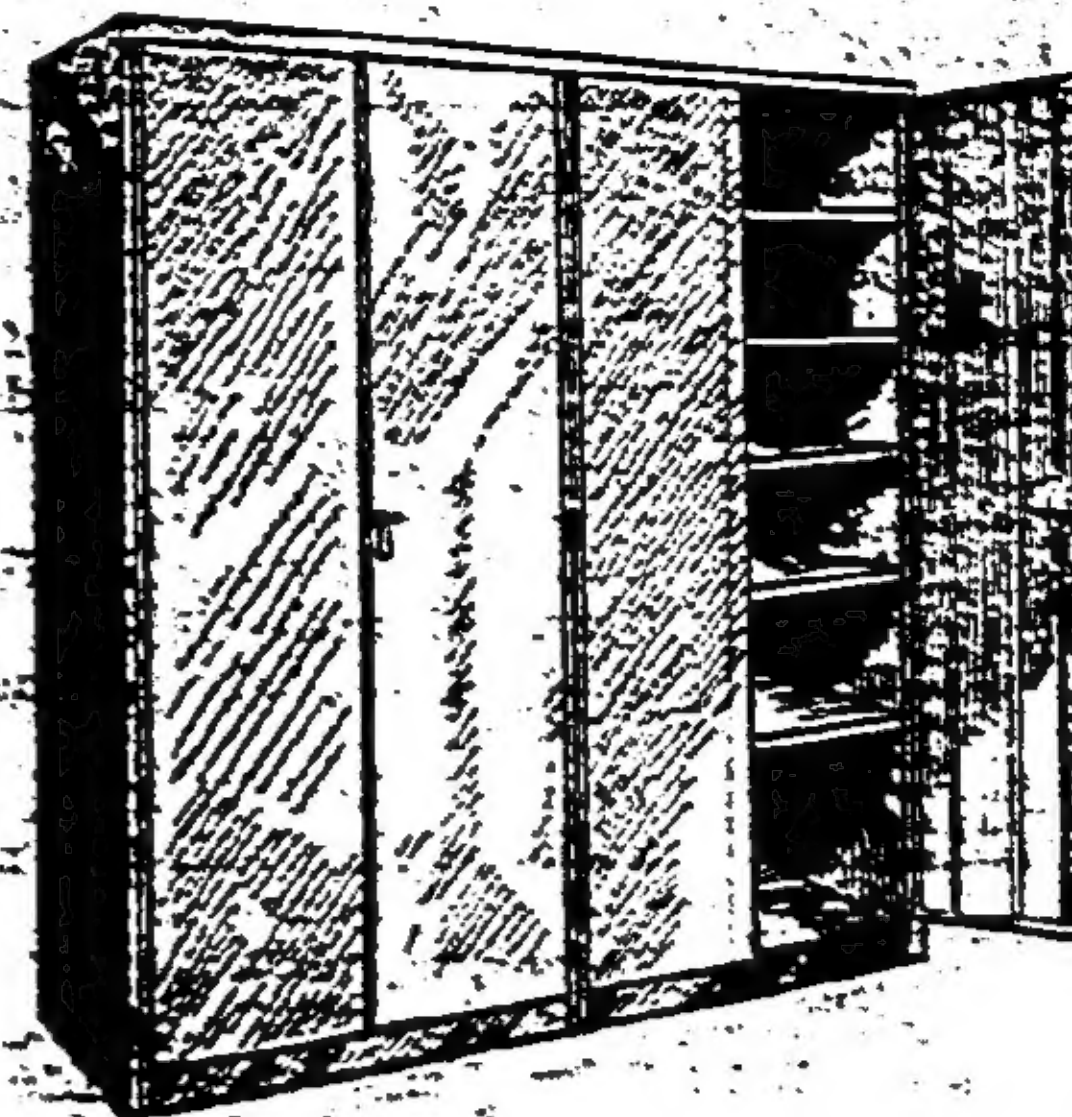
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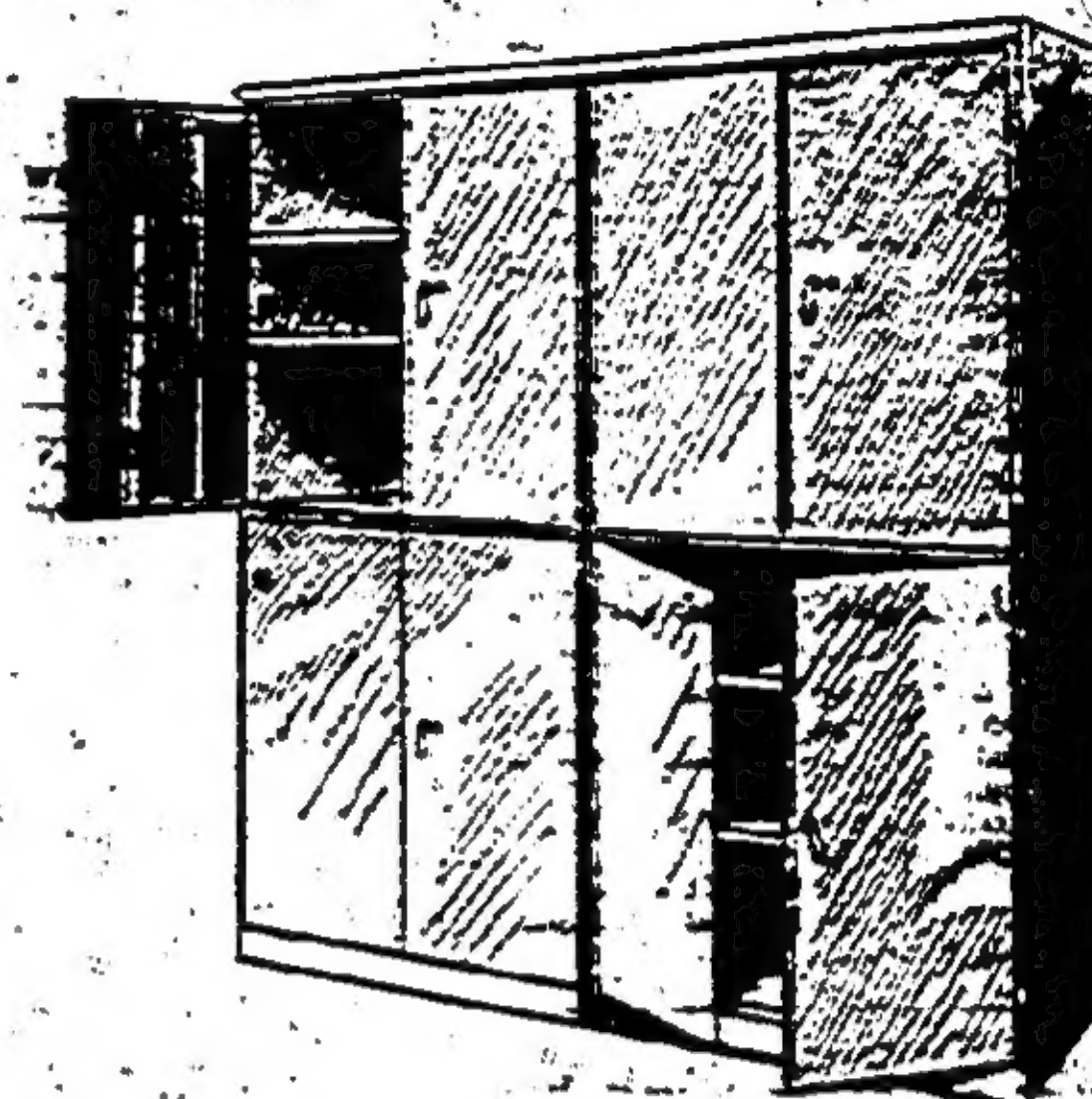
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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Chinese Community's Mourning

HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH

At to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council His Excellency the Governor made a reference to the death of His late Majesty King George, and the special efforts of the Chinese community to enter into the mourning expressed by the Colony. He proposed a resolution of loyalty, which was seconded by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Senior Unofficial member.

His Excellency said: "The Resolution of condolence on the death of His late beloved Majesty King George, passed at our recent specially convened session, was telegraphed by me to the Secretary of State for the Colonies immediately afterwards, and His Majesty the King's gracious expression of gratitude has been published in a *Gazette Extraordinary* yesterday."

"I wish to say here how very impressed I have been (and all whom I have since met have expressed themselves as similarly impressed) by the manner in which the sad days of our public mourning have been observed in this Colony. The coincidence of the Chinese New Year ceremonies had led some to apprehend features in their observance incompatible with our common feelings of pain and loss."

"All such anticipations were inspiringly belied by the event. No restrictions of any kind were imposed; all that was done was to post at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs a notice suggesting the exercise of moderation in the use of fire-crackers. The degree to which such moderation was exercised far exceeded the possible results of any notice and manifestly proceeded from the hearts of His late Majesty's affectionate Chinese subjects. I know that I express the feelings of all other races in Hong Kong when I say that we were deeply touched by this bowing of ancient Chinese custom to our common grief."

Resolution Of Loyalty

"The tribute that has been paid here to the memory of King George has indeed transcended all differences and peculiarities of race, custom, and religion, and with this proof before us of our people's unity in the bonds of loving fealty to the British Throne, I ask you, Gentlemen, now to pass on their and our behalf the following Resolution of loyalty and devotion to His Majesty King Edward VIII:—

"We, the members of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, assembled for the first time since the proclamation of the accession of our King Edward VIII, desire on behalf of ourselves and of the whole people of this Colony to tender our humble duty, loyal devotion and affectionate homage to His Most Gracious Majesty and pray with one heart and voice that his reign over us may be long, happy, peaceful and glorious. God save the King."

Dr. Tso's Speech

In associating himself with the sentiments expressed by His Excellency, the Hon. Dr. Tso Seen-wan, Senior Chinese member of the Council, said:

"Your Excellency,—As the Senior Chinese Member of this Council, I wish respectfully to support, on behalf of the Chinese Community, the Resolution of loyalty and devotion to His Majesty King Edward VIII which has just been proposed by Your Excellency and seconded by the Senior Unofficial Member of this Council, the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock."

"I and my Chinese colleagues deeply appreciate the kind reference you made, in introducing the Resolution, of the loyalty and devotion of His late Majesty's Chinese subjects, and on their behalf, I humbly tender our continual and unflinching loyalty and devotion to His Gracious Majesty the King, who has already won the love and affection of his Chinese subjects by the great interest he has taken in the welfare of his people." (Applause.)

Two cases of diphtheria were reported to the Health authorities during the 24 hours ended on Tuesday.



Fredric March as Jean Valjean in Darryl Zanuck's 20th Century film production of Victor Harro's "Les Misérables," with Charles Laughton, Rochelle Hudson and Cedric Hardwicke, released through United Artists and showing to-morrow at the King's Theatre.

VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

Forged Notes Case Concludes

AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS

The case against Pun Shu, aged 35, master of a piece goods shop, before Mr. Justice Lindell at the Criminal Sessions, was concluded shortly after 1 p.m. to-day when the jury, after a short retirement, returned the verdict of not guilty on both charges.

The accused was alleged to have attempted to utter a forged \$50 banknote of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and to have in his possession one forged \$50 note of the same bank and nine forged \$10 bank notes of the Chartered Bank.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, instructed by Mr. J. B. Prentiss, Assistant Crown Solicitor, was for the prosecution, and Mr. Hin-shing Lo appeared for the defence on the instructions of Mr. J. M. Hall.

The following jury was empanelled: Messrs. P. N. da Silva (Foreman), S. K. Heiberg, Ho Hung-pong, Wai Man-wei, C. C. Roberts, Peter S. K. Wong, and D. E. dos Santos.

Pawnshop Incident

It will be recalled that Pun was alleged to have attempted to utter a forged \$50 note of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the Leung Yik Pawnshop on November 25 last, when a constable, who was in the pawnshop at the time, searched him and found the notes mentioned in the second charge in his possession.

The defence was to the effect that Pun had no knowledge that the notes were forgeries, and contended that he was given the money by another man in payment of a debt.

After both Counsels had addressed the jury, Mr. Justice Lindell summed up briefly and the jury then retired to consider their verdict, which was as stated above.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Listeners will be interested to hear that Miss Jeanette Loff, the Hollywood film star, who is best known for her wonderful singing in "King of Jazz," has kindly consented to sing from the studio of ZBW to-night.

Mr. D. K. Paul will be the speaker at this evening's public meeting of the Manuk Lodge of the Theosophical Society. His subject will be "Civilisation, the Curse of Civilisation" and the lecture will begin at 6 p.m. in the Lodge Room at the Hong Kong Club Annex, Chater Road.

The R.E.O.C.A. dance which have been held on Saturday, February 1 has now been postponed until Saturday, February 8 beginning at the usual time—8.30 p.m.—at the China Fleet Club Theatre.

The fourth meeting of the Session 1935-36 of the Hong Kong Branch of the English Association will be held next Tuesday, February 4, at 5.30 p.m. at the Helena May Institute. His Excellency Sir Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., C.B.E., has kindly promised to preside, and Professor R. K. M. Simpson will speak on "George Borrow."

QUEEN'S MESSAGE TO THE NATION

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LITVINOFF MAKES CALLS
London: One of the most notable visitors to the King yesterday was M. Litvinoff, who remained with His Majesty for just over half an hour. M. Litvinoff later saw Mr. Stanley Baldwin, as did the other Foreign Ministers.

KING'S APPRECIATION
The King has sent letters of appreciation to the headquarters of the St. John Ambulance for their efficient aid to the crowds during the funeral, to the three Services for their participation in the funeral ceremonies, and to the police for their splendid work in keeping order. — *Reuters' Bulletin Service*.

STATESMEN RECEIVED
London: His Majesty the King received at Buckingham Palace yesterday a number of visitors, including the foreign statesmen in London in connection with the funeral of King George. One of the earliest callers was the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden. Later the King gave audiences to Prince von Starhemberg, the Austrian Vice-Chancellor, Baron von Neurath, the German Foreign Minister, M. Litvinoff, the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, M. Titulescu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, and others. Many of these foreign statesmen also paid courtesy calls on the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin, and had interviews with the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden.

M. LEBRUN LEAVES
The President of the French Republic, M. Lebrun, was the first of the distinguished foreign mourners attending Tuesday's funeral at Windsor to return home. He was seen off from Victoria by H.R.H. the Duke of Kent and left Dover under an escort of destroyers and with a salute of guns. Similar courtesies were accorded to the foreign Royalties who left yesterday, including the King of the Belgians, the King of Denmark, the Crown Prince of Italy, and Prince George and Prince Nicholas of Greece.

QUEEN'S QUIET DAY
Queen Mary passed a quiet day at Buckingham Palace. Enquiries were informed that Her Majesty had borne the strain of Tuesday's ceremonies without ill effect and with the same courage she had displayed ever since King George's death. — *British Wireless Service*.

6 COMMERCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

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One free scholarship and five half-fee scholarships, tenable for one year, which have been donated by the Hotel Cecil to the Polytechnic Commercial School at No. 52, Caine Road, are open to all who desire to pursue a commercial course at the school. Candidates must reach the Class I standard of a middle school and should be present at the school on Wednesday, February 5, at 2.30 p.m. when an examination on English will be held.

Mr. C. Gumpin has kindly consented to give an address to members of the Hong Kong University Arts Association in the Union Assembly Hall on Tuesday, February 4, at 8.30 p.m. Subject: "Reminiscences of Government Service." The meeting is open to the public.

To-day's Short Story

THE FOUR-POSTER

By Anthony P. Jameson

MATHILDA, it is ten minutes past nine; we must go and make the bed."

It was part of the established ritual to make the bed at ten minutes past nine. There were two servants and a cook in this quaint, old-fashioned house who could easily cope with the work but the bed that these two, Sarah and Mathilda Brown, shared they always did themselves.

They formed a perfect contrast these two, yet strangely enough, a pair. A pair of delightful old maids. Mathilda was seventy-one and Sarah was the elder by two years. Both had the same cast of features, with light-brown eyes, slight chins, and broad foreheads, where the wrinkles were deeper than the thoughts that formed them.

Sarah was thin, whilst Mathilda was fat. It may have been the responsibility of her extra years that made Sarah almost aquiline. There should have been no difference, for their habits were identical. The two sisters had lived under the same roof, under the same conditions, for over forty years.

The extent of their mutual understanding was such that they rarely spoke to each other, for there was no necessity for speech. Now, as they entered the bedroom, they each knew from long habit their appointed duties.

PARACHUTIST DIES BY HANGING

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Italian Victory In Tembien

DUCE'S CONGRATULATIONS

— CHINA MAIL — SPECIAL

Rome, earlier: "Signor Mussolini has sent a telegram to Marshal Badoglio, congratulating him on the victory in the Tembien district, by which the enemy's attempt to turn the right flank on the northern front had been checked. The telegram says: 'My sincerest recognition is due to Your Excellency, who planned the operations, as well as to the officers and soldiers of the home and native armies who carried them out. It is my desire that this recognition be expressed particularly towards the Blackshirts of the Division '20th of October' for the heroism with which they defended the Warren Pass and repulsed the enemy's attack after two days' bitter fighting.'"

THE OIL EMBARGO
Rome: The allegations made in the foreign press as to the probable attitude of Italy when oil sanctions are put into force, are the subject of criticism in authoritative quarters here. It was neither true that Italy is prepared to accept the oil embargo quietly, nor that she contemplates counter-sanctions for years to come, nor that even more drastic measures are planned. It is, however, also not right for the foreign Governments to work under any delusion. Italy has long since characterised the oil embargo as a definitely hostile act, and will take all measures which she thinks right and appropriate to defend herself against it.

ANXIETY IN ROME
Rome: The recent exchange of diplomatic visits between Vienna and other capitals of the Danubian Basin seems to have caused some anxiety in certain quarters here. It is regarded that the Italian position in the Danubian Basin may be regarded as having been weakened in consequence of these visits, although the Austrian Government does not desire such an effect.

The paper *Tribune* intimates that "Italy may consider reorganisation concerning certain foreign political positions, if the pressure from the League of Nations should continue."

"If the fanatic advocates of sanctions want to go as far as to declare an oil embargo they may do it, but they should not forget that the European situation, which is now about to develop, will not find Italy in the same position which she previously occupied," declares the paper. The warning is believed here, also refers to the relations between Italy and Austria. — *Trans-Ocean Service*.

The most imposing thing in the room was an enormous four-poster bed. This bed had been fashioned by a loving craftsman in the time of Queen Elizabeth. Unreal but sprightly figures chased one another round the four carved oak posts, up to the comforting gloom of the tapestry canopy. This canopy must, at one time, have been bright with the figures and forms of hand-worked scenes; but as, with the passing of time, the memory of a scene will fade in clarity, so the tapestry was now of a nearly uniform dim yellow, relieved by patches of dull blue. From under this canopy curtains of a heavy golden plush swung down to the headposts of the bed, where they were looped back by silken cords that ended in huge golden tassels. These curtains were for all the world like the curtains of a stage, set for a scene in real life, that would swing closed when the act was ended.

But none of this entered the head of the two sisters as they made the bed with meticulous care. They were standing respectively at the side of the bed where each one slept, and were smoothing the blankets into symmetry. It would never do for Mathilda to have too much blanket and too little of the sheets. Mutually they pulled the eiderdown a little lower towards the foot of the bed.

For a short period, a long while ago, a small table, at Mathilda's side of the bed, had disturbed the symmetrical effect. This table had enabled Mathilda to snuff out the candle, which was one of her duties, from inside the bed, and thus she need not climb in the dark. For a matter of weeks this table had been a cause of silent dissension between the two sisters, but finally Sarah's stronger will had prevailed. The table had gone as quietly as it came.

Now, with a last pat at the pillows, the ritual was over. The bed had been made. The two went downstairs again and a maid came in to do the rest of the room. To sweep the carpet, to dust and put things back in the wardrobe, where the row of hanging clothes told a plain history. That floppy hat trimmed with a huge bow of purple silk, had been young, charming, and gay long ago. The more recent acquisitions of the wardrobe were smaller, generally black, and uniformly severe. As with the rest of the room, there were two of everything—two wardrobes, two mirrors, two sets of dresses, two rows of shoes; but only one, the four-poster bed.

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OIL EMBARGO

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It is understood that the view was held that the committee should explore the subject exhaustively and closely, paying attention to the practicability of the measures suggested for enforcing the embargo.

It is learned that the question of national defence was also reviewed. There is a growing belief that the Government will propose to meet by a loan the cost of the additional armaments, which it is suggested will amount to \$100-150 millions in addition to the normal yearly expenditure. — *Reuters*.

GENEVA DISCUSSIONS
Geneva: The committee of experts of the Sanctions Conference assembled here yesterday, in order to study the situation in the light of the information received from the various Governments concerning the measures taken by them to enforce the sanctions. The committee appointed three sub-committees, of which two are to report on the progress made in carrying out the various sanctions.

According to an announcement of the League Secretariat, 52 States have signified their willingness to apply Sanctions 1 to 5, while 41 States have declared themselves willing to provide mutual support in the application of sanctions.

STATISTICS SOUGHT
London: The experts studying the application of sanctions met at Geneva yesterday. They are understood to be agreed that the sanctions are being generally applied. They decided to hold a monthly examination of the ef-

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MARKETS AND MONEY

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events, and resulting in the abandonment of a silver standard and a resort to managed currency by China, which was ill-equipped for a financial experiment requiring a high degree of internal stability.

FORWARD DEALINGS?

The more normal silver conditions prevailing in the London market, coupled with the fact that the enormous open position is now almost entirely liquidated, lead to confident expectations that forward dealings will be re-begun in the next few days. It is pointed out that only the fear of rush forward selling discouraged brokers from initiating such dealings before. — *Reuters*.

CENTRALISED SYSTEM

London: The Chairman of the Midland Bank, Mr. Reginald McKenna, speaking at the annual meeting yesterday, discussed monetary policy and observed that under the centralised system in Britain bank deposits had become the subject of deliberate and unified control, and this fact had made it possible to use them as an active instrument of monetary policy. A system had been evolved for regulating approval of the supply of money in accordance with trade requirements.

With the development of the great consolidated banks and with the steadily growing authority and power of the Bank of England the framework for a comprehensive system of sound money had come into being. The

necessity of sanctions, and have therefore asked the Governments to supply regular statistics on their trade with Italy. States not applying sanctions, such as Austria, Hungary and Albania, are also being requested to supply such information. — *British Wireless Service*.

ultimate control rested with the Government, acting upon the principles publicly declared or defined by Parliament.

Dealing with the future of monetary policy Mr. McKenna said that monetary management could do no more than remove obstacles in the way of industry and assist its expansion. It could help to extend the area of employment and bring production and consumption into better relationship. The progress of the last 100 years had developed a nation-wide machine, centrally operated, for regulating bank deposits. The immediate task was to use this machine in such a way as to assist the steady upward trend in standard of living which the immense advance in productivity had happily brought within its grasp. — *British Wireless Service*.

SWEDISH REPLY TO ROME

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PROF. JEZE'S LECTURES
Paris: Professor Jeze, consulting counsel for the Abyssinian Government in the East African dispute, in consequence of which he was made a target by the extreme right-wing elements of the Sorbonne University, will resume lectures in the Faculty of Law next Saturday.

The authorities have taken the sharpest precautions to ensure peace on that occasion. Only a small majority of the students have shown a disposition to obstruct the resumption of Professor Jeze's lectures.

Should, however, further incidents occur, the Faculty of Law will be closed for a long period and the forthcoming examinations cancelled. Besides this individual disciplinary measures will be taken against the agitation. — *Trans-Ocean Service*.

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The Motor Machine-gun Section of Hong Kong Volunteers under Captain R. G. Williams, were present and provided an escort and pall-bearers for the coffin, which was draped with the Union Jack, with the deceased's helmet, belt and sidearms on it. The chief mourners were the bereaved parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Maycock, and Johnie, Willie, Tommy, Robbie and Ernie Maycock (brothers).

Among others present were Lt. Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Officer Commanding the Hong Kong Volunteers, Captain R. C. B. Anderson, Adjutant, Captain Davis, R.A.O.C. Messrs. Sloan, Baron Sprague, J. R. Way, E. Reading, S. Peacock, W. Clewer, A. Allison, A. H. Sally, Bitter, and many others, including a large number of the Japanese community.

A wreath from "Mum and Dad" was interred with the remains.

A large number of floral tributes were received, among them those from "Johnnie, Willie, Tommy, Robbie, and Ernie." Reg and Busty, Desmond, Brian, Joan and Cynthia, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Thornhill, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lunn, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Peers, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Duckworth, John and Charles Sloan, Stella and Charles Bander, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Polli, Mr. and Mrs. Clewer and family, Mr. Mrs. and Miss Dransfield, Peter Paul, F. H. W. Haynes and Frankie, T. Nakamura, Dr. Y. Usui and Mrs. F. Usui, P. F. da Cruz, Mr. and Mrs. A. Allison, Y. Ishiwatari, T. Takayanagi, M. Moriama, S. Matsubara, R. Kojima, A. Ahikaga, Y. Murakami, H. Yasumuka, M. Shimatani, I. Matsumoto, Y. Asada, A. Ashikaga, Lau Man, Lau Kau, Y. Fukada, T. Yuasa, E. Tsuruta, Messrs. N. Toyama, E. Shinya, S. Okuma, G. Machida, Mr. and Mrs. H. Reg. Latham and family, Captain and Mrs. Thirwell and family, Ah Moon, Mr. and Mrs. Holloway, Dorothy and Eddie, the Rogers and Mackays, Mrs. Sahn, Joan, Cynthia and Tony, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Sully and family Q.M.S. and Mrs. Grossman, Barbara Budden, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Seath and Joan, Mrs. Inoguchi and Mr. Yamashita, Yoshioka.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Latest Quotations

N.Y. Cotton	January 30		
May	11.07	11.04	11.01
N.Y. Rubber			
March	14.98	14.95	14.95
Chicago Wheat			
May	101	—	100
Chicago Corn			
May	60 1/4	—	59 3/4
STOCKS:			
Amalgams			
Copper	30 1/2	30 1/4	30 1/4
Elac Bond & Share	19	18 1/2	18 1/2
General Motors	57	57	57 1/2
Montgomery Ward	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
N.Y. Central	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
U.S. Steel	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2

The following quotations from London were received last night: 10:30 p.m. and 10:35 p.m. Silver Spot 25 (last close), 25 (last close), unchanged. Silver 3 months 100 (last close), 100 (last close), unchanged. India 100 (last close), 100 (last close), unchanged. India 100 (last close), 100 (last close), unchanged.



A snow mantle turned the White House into a veritable fairy castle when Washington got its share of the snow which last month blanketed the Atlantic seaboard.

TOLSTOY'S HOME AS A MUSEUM

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...narrower, richer tradesman, who moved it piece by piece and re-erected it in his own village 23 miles away!

Tolstoi established himself in the southern pavilion, which he later enlarged to house his growing family, using the northern pavilion as a guest-house.

Madame Elena Denisenko, daughter of Tolstoi's beloved sister Maria, who divorced her husband and later took the veil, showed me over the family house. Nothing has been changed, beyond putting in the electric light, since Oct. 28, 1910, when the great old man, wishing to be ever freer from earthly bonds or feeling the hand of death already upon him, fled from his home in the night in his primitive phaeton, ordering his faithful coachman not to light the lamps—only to die a few days later in the country station of Astapovo.

Tolstoi's Rooms

Madame Denisenko has lived there unmolested since 1920, and is the last member of the Tolstoi family left there since 1929, when his daughter Alexandra went "on leave" to America, never to return.

"They won't let me tire myself. I am the 'Last of the Mohicans' now," this delightful old lady told me. But three minor "Mohicans" still survive in Yasnaya Polyana. They are Ilya Sidorkof, Tolstoi's personal manservant, the old coachman and the cook, who still prepares Madame Denisenko's meals.

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Early Photograph

Later secretaries with typewriters were installed in a separate room. Also there was one of the first phonographs ever made, presented by its inventor, Thomas Edison, a fervent admirer of Tolstoi, with a record of the great man's voice. "Very bad, and not at all like his voice," Madame Denisenko remarked.

After several changes, Tolstoi finally chose for his study the former children's room, and told his wife not to take away the cold steel engravings of details of Raphael's Sistine.

Market, quiet. Liverpool Cotton—May 137 (last close), 137 (last close), 137 (last close). Liverpool Wheat—March 5 1/2 (last close), 5 1/2 (last close), 5 1/2 (last close). London Rubber—April-June (last close), 24 1/2 (last close), 24 1/2 (last close). India 100 (last close), 100 (last close), 100 (last close).

COMMODITY PRICES

The following quotations have been received by Reuters.

	Prev. Yesterday	Closing
New York Cotton:		
March	11.31	11.35
May	11.07	11.14
July	10.34	10.39
October	10.33	10.45
December (1935)	10.32	10.42
January	10.31	10.41
Spot	11.30	11.35
New York Rubber:		
March	14.98	14.90
May	15.14	15.03
July	15.27 1/2	15.15
September	15.40	15.32
December	15.53	15.50 1/2
Chicago Wheat:		
May	101	99 1/2
July	89 1/4	88 1/4
September	87 1/2	87 1/2
Chicago Corn:		
May	60 1/4	59 3/4
July	60 1/4	60 1/4
Winnipeg Wheat:		
May	37 1/2	36 1/2
July	38 1/4	37 1/4
October	38 1/4	38 1/4
New York Silk:		
March	1.83	1.83
May	1.84 1/2	1.84 1/2
July	1.81 1/2	1.82 1/2

Madonna from the walls. Being extremely short-sighted, in order to get his eyes close down to his manuscript, he used to work in a tiny child's armchair. Close to his hand were "The Pedlar" of Masspassant, whom he admired as a writer and despised as a mind, a Montaigne, and an obscure book on anarchism; and, on a shelf just above, an encyclopaedia, a Laotse, a Koran, and works on the Buddha. Behind his chair was the ugly leather sofa on which he was born.

In his bedroom next door simplicity becomes poverty; an iron bedstead, a primitive washstand 18 in. square, a few bad chairs, a pair of heavy iron dumb-bells, he worked with every morning, and a number of medicine bottles—he suffered agonies with his liver in his later years.

Countess's Bedroom

Countess Tolstoi's bedroom is larger, but very simple too. Its walls show a few sad little oil paintings of wood mushrooms and forest trees by the Countess herself. She took to painting after the death of her two youngest boys, which nearly destroyed her reason.

I left that house strangely moved. It is haunted not only by the presence of a very great and good man, but, owing to the Soviet's decision to preserve Tolstoi's environment intact, by all that was simple and good and serene in the country life of the Russian squireship.

Here was a rural civilization which existed largely apart from the scandals of high society and the corruption of Tsarist bureaucracy, producing, after all, more soldiers, scholars and revolutionaries than any other nation in the world. The Bolsheviks are now busy rebuilding their national "chalet" with new elements.

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E/Asia	Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 24	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
E/Canada	Apr. 3	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 10	Apr. 17	Apr. 23
E/Russia	Apr. 17	Apr. 19	Apr. 21	Apr. 23	Apr. 23	May 4
E/Japan	May 1	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 14	May 19
E/Asia	May 15	May 17	May 19	May 21	May 23	June 1
E/Canada	May 29	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 12	June 17
E/Russia	June 12	June 14	June 16	June 18	June 20	June 29
E/Japan	June 26	June 28	July 1	July 3	July 9	July 14
E/Asia	July 10	July 12	July 14	July 16	July 18	July 27
E/Canada	July 24	July 26	Aug. 1	Aug. 3	Aug. 7	Aug. 12
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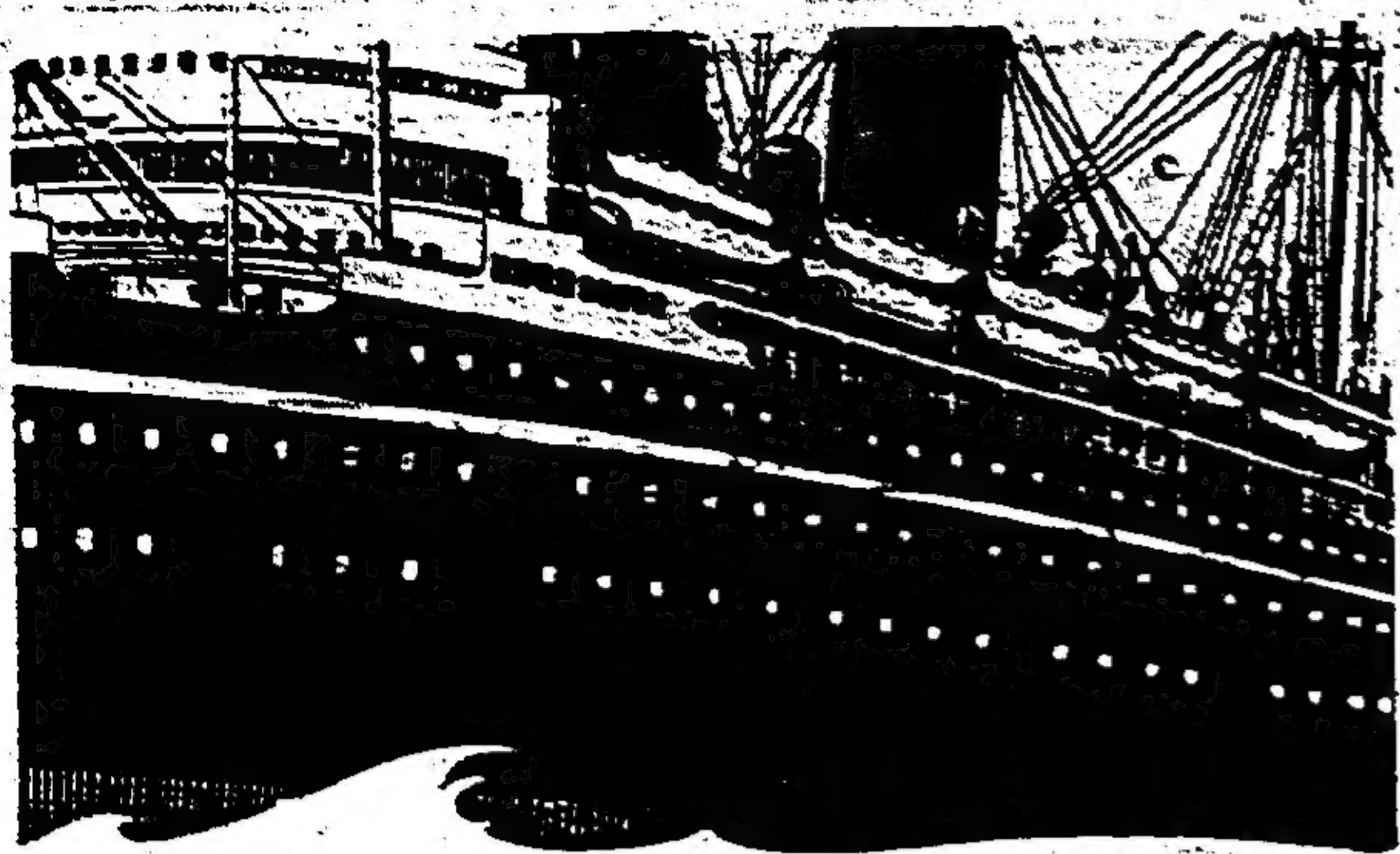
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*RAWALPINDI	17,000	7th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*CORFU	14,500	21st Mar.	Marseilles & London.
*SOMALI	7,000	25th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
RANCHI	17,000	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
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CARTHAGE	14,500	2nd May	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	16th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BEUTAN	6,000	22nd May	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull
CHITRAL	15,000	30th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANPURA	17,000	13th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	27th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*CORFU	14,500	11th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	25th July	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
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The Four-Poster

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One day Sarah fell ill. There was a great upheaval in the house. Mathilda moved into the spare room; the doctor came, and a pretty nurse became a permanent intruder. Mathilda wandered listlessly from room to room, unable to do her embroidery, unable to do anything that had been a matter of routine before. She was obviously overwrought by the illness of her sister. On this particular morning she had got up earlier than usual and was now sitting restlessly in the drawing-room, while the doctor attended to the patient upstairs.

The doctor leant once more over the bed. There was a sigh, a faint rustle of the silk coverlet, and Sarah Brown passed away.

"She's gone," he said to the nurse, as he lowered the eye-lids and gently smoothed a wisp of grey hair from the forehead. He straightened his back and gazed meditatively at the frail figure, which hardly troubled the smooth expanse of the enormous bed. She looked absurd and tiny under those heavy curtains. The doctor turned away with a sigh towards the nurse.

"Do you know what I am worrying about?" he asked, and did not wait for a reply.

"It's not that she has gone. We must all die some time. She was seventy-three; our allotted span is three score and ten, albeit a meagre allowance. Really, belonging to the Victorian age, she was much confined to the house; took very little exercise and fed on what she wanted. Her heart, simply got tired of working and she has gone peacefully, with no pain."

"Then what makes you look so worried?" asked the nurse in a tired voice, for she had had no sleep.

"It's this. Who is going to tell her sister, Mathilda? I am frightened, but perhaps you, a woman, could do it better than myself. It requires careful handling."

The nurse smiled, but shook her head. "I really don't know either of them," she replied; "besides, without appearing callous, you must have had to do this kind of thing before now."

"Ah! but this is different. Mathilda is herself seventy-one years old. The news may kill her. For the thirty years that I have known these two they have been inseparable. They belong to the past century, when I believe, at an early age, they jointly inherited this house and a considerable sum of money. Together they lived in a narrow world of their own making, where, to all appearances, they were content and happy with only each other's company. They spent all..."

"Really, I may seem unkind," interrupted the nurse, with a show of spirit, "but they could not expect this to go on for ever. Anyway, as a couple, they led a very passive, almost selfish life; out of contact with the world and untroubled by its hard knocks."

"In a way you are right," soothed the doctor, "but you are too young and active and too

pretty to know the goodness, the true goodness of their life. The devotion of one for the other; the harmony and peace in the small things of life that these two had obtained by constant mutual sacrifice. To me it was unique and beautiful in these hectic egotistical times. The one was never out of the other's sight. Why—they even shared this very bed!"

He glanced once more at the bed and moved unwillingly towards the door. "However, I must go and tell her."

Mathilda looked up as the doctor entered the drawing room, but did not speak. She seemed already dumb with grief, and in the doctor's eyes were like those of a frightened deer. She was not crying, but the doctor realised that she might break down when he told her the news. Her face looked drawn and haggard as she sat picking with her fingers at the embroidery on her lap. It would be hard to break things gently. Perhaps it would hurt less if he told her quite simply and quickly.

"Miss Brown, I am very sorry to tell you that your sister has just—passed away."

There was no more to say. He could scarcely bear the awful silence before Mathilda began to speak in a small firm voice.

"Thank goodness, I'll have the bed to myself at last."

[THE END]

GRAVEYARD OF SHIPS

Steamer Sinks At Holy Island

The Grosvenor, a coastal steamer of 267 tons, ran on the rocks at Holy Island last month and sank.

The skipper and her crew of eight burned blankets as distress signals when the coaster ran aground and these were seen by the Holy Island lifeboat which brought the crew safely ashore.

Holy Island sands are a graveyard of ships and the remains of many vessels are embedded in them.

The Grosvenor was bound from Port Knochie to Sunderland.

FIRE DESTROYS CLOISTER

Valuable Paintings Lost

Berlin.
The imposing baroque cloister of the Franciscans at Rietberg (North West Germany), built by the Prince-Bishop of Puerstemberg in the 17th century, has been largely destroyed by fire.

Many valuable paintings, together with the library of 8,000 volumes—including a number of ancient manuscripts—were rescued by the monks as well as a precious Monstrance dating back to the year 1690. The 14 tombs of the Counts of Rietberg-Castriesland also escaped injury.

SPOTS WITH DORSETSHIRE

(Continued from Page 4)
Archer made a magnificent start, the right wing after a long silence and showed a fine turn of speed, but he failed to combine with Edwards, his centre. They changed about in the second half, but Archer's passing was erratic.

Griffiths Improves
Griffiths displayed a safe pair of hands for the first time this season and his passing was well above average. An outstanding feature of his game was the manner in which he drew his opponent before passing.

Clark, a newcomer on the left wing, was not really fast enough against the opposition, although he had a fine swerve and good hand-off. His passing was sound and he tackled well. He will probably improve as he gets used to the ground. Unfortunately, he had forgotten his boots and had to play in his shoes!

McGugan and Walker were again the pick of the Club pack, although Garrod shone on occasion.

Navy Players

The Dorsetshire fielded several Navy first fifteen players, among whom were Thomas, the full-back, whose handling and touch-downing was as good as ever, Mid. Wright, their right wing-threequarter, who was very fast, but who was given very little rope; Lt. Fraser, the Navy centre, whose kicking was the main feature of the Dorsetshire's display, and Bloxam, who made a reappearance at left-wing three-quarter.

The Navy's beelling in the second half was extraordinarily good and Baker was getting the ball nine times out of 10 from Dunnett. The rest of the Navy forwards worked hard and were always up to the mark in the loose.

Following the Navy's try in the first half Frost levelled the scores in the second half with an excellent kick from a penalty.

Club—Frost; S. C. Archer, D. S. Edwards, R. H. Griffiths, P. Clark; H. C. Meeks and L. G. Robertson; G. Barlow, G. S. Dunnett, D. E. Paul, S. H. Garrod, L. R. Andrews, F. J. McGugan and A. F. Walker.
Dorsetshire:—Mach. Thomas; Mid. Wright; Lt. Fraser; R.M. Lt. Kirkwood, A. B. Bloxam; L. S. Tucker and Cpl. Preece; R.M. St. Rock, Lt. Baker, A. B. Smith, L. S. Bell, St. Woodward, Mid. Ponsomby, A. B. Mellens and L. St. Bedford.

CHANGES IN SHIRTS ANNOYS MEXICANS

Semi-Militarism Not Wanted

Mexico City.

The swift and disastrous end of the "Red Shirts," late of Mexico City and Tabasco, has made other "shirred" organisations in Mexico uneasy.

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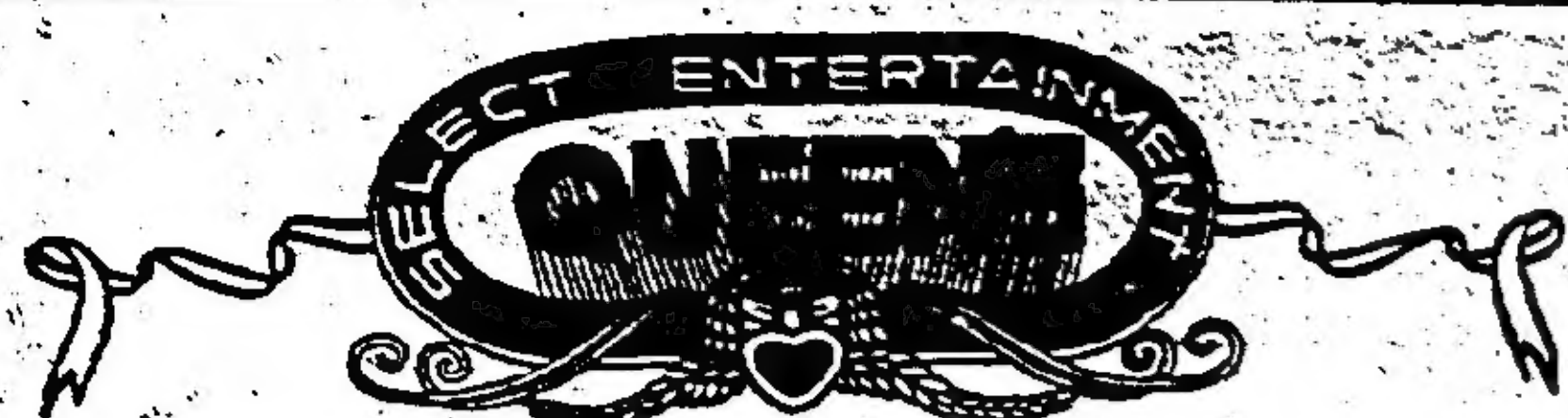
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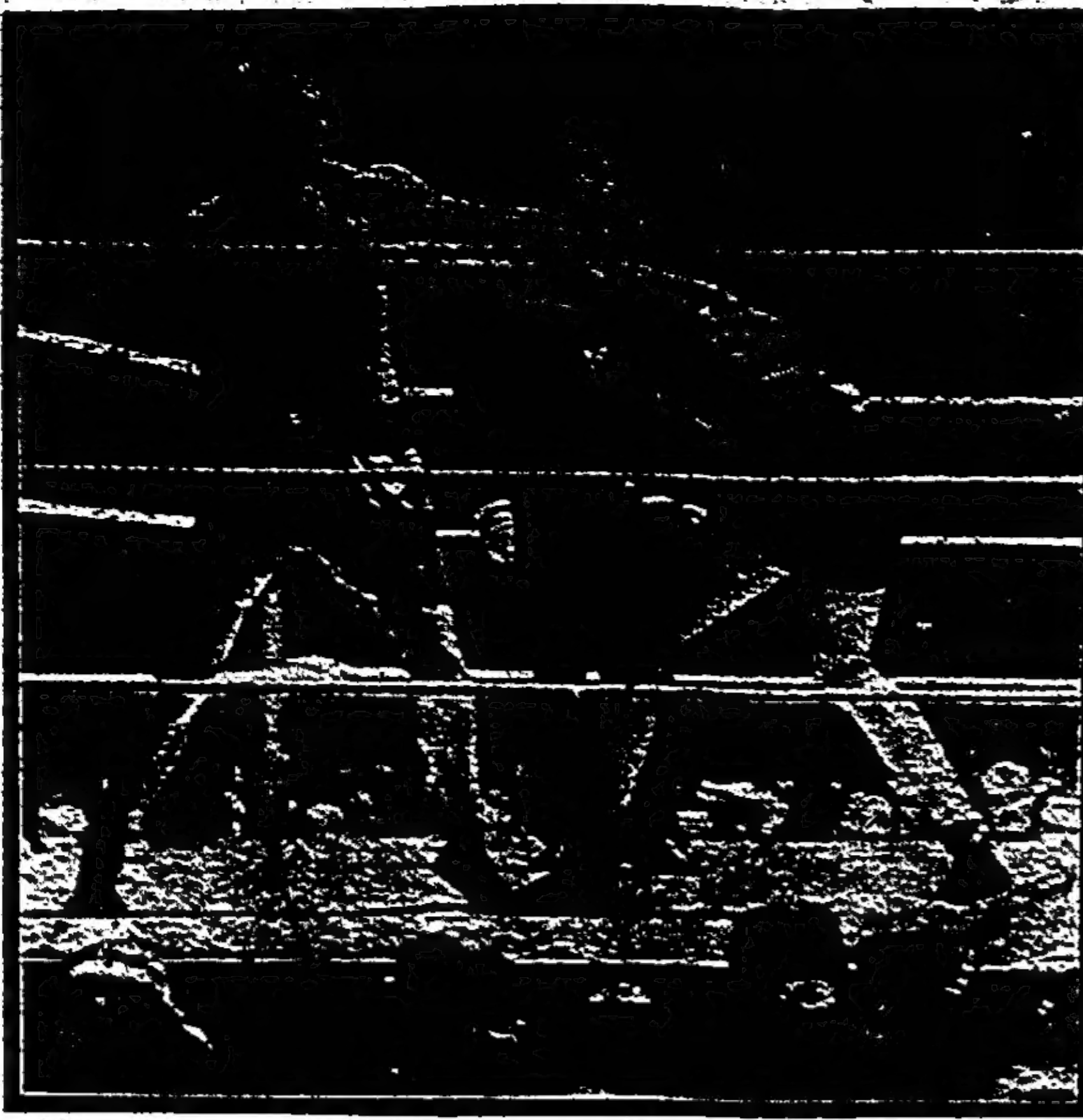
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Len Harvey, left, made an unsuccessful attempt last night to regain the British and Empire heavyweight boxing title from Jack Petersen, right, in their encounter at the Swimming Pool, Wembley. Both boxers are seen above in their second encounter which Petersen won on points.

PETERSEN RETAINS BOXING TITLE

HARVEY OUTPOINTED IN SPIRITED FIGHT

London, To-day.

Jack Petersen, of Wales, last night retained his British and Empire heavyweight boxing titles when he outpointed Len Harvey in a 15-round bout at the Swimming Pool, Wembley.

U.S. VETERANS' BONUS

Huge Appropriation Necessary

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has sent a letter to Mr. Joseph W. Byrnes, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, asking Congress to appropriate \$2,249,178,474 to meet the cost of paying the Bonus. The estimate includes approximately \$12,000,000 for expenses.

The letter does not mention new taxes to raise the money, which is taken to mean that it will be raised by borrowing. — Reuter.

AN AUTOMOBILE ANNIVERSARY.

"Birth Certificate" Of The Car

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

On January 29, 1886, Carl Benz was granted the German patent No. 37435, which is described by the famous inventor himself as the "birth certificate" of the automobile. Carl Benz, and almost at the same time Gottlieb Daimler, succeeded where all predecessors had failed.

A fitting recognition of the day of the anniversary was afforded by the telegrams of congratulations and good wishes sent to the Daimler-Benz works by Herr Hitler as well as by the Minister for Communications, Herr Eltz von Ruebenach. — Trans-Ocean Service.

THE FUTURE OF GREECE

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"I declare emphatically that even at the cost of sacrifices the Venizelists are prepared to strive for the attainment of this goal. Should I be entrusted by the King with the formation of a Government my endeavour will be to bring about an agreement among the various political parties by open discussion of the situation with the party leaders."

"Should my efforts however be fruitless, I recommend the King to dissolve the present Chamber and hold new elections on the majority principle, on the ground that the system of proportional ballot has proved unsuitable to give the country a strong Government."

M. Sophoulis said that as regards foreign policy all the parties have only one programme: "We should faithfully discharge all obligations undertaken by Greece." — Trans-Ocean Service.

HOW THE MEN COMPARED

	PETERSEN	HARVEY
Weight	13st 3lb.	12st 9lb.
Height	6ft 3 1/2 in.	6ft.
Reach	80 1/2 in.	78 1/2 in.
Neck	17 1/2 in.	16 1/2 in.
Chest (n't)	41 in.	40 in.
Chest (exp.)	45 in.	43 1/2 in.
Biceps	14 in.	15 in.
Forearm	12 1/2 in.	13 in.
Waist	34 in.	31 in.
Thigh	22 in.	26 in.
Calf	15 in.	15 in.

Harvey shook his man with two uppercuts to the jaw in the fifth round, when his brilliant footwork enabled him to outwit the champion. Harvey, however, began to weaken about half-way through the fight, and Petersen, attacking continuously, landed a right to the chin in the twelfth which enabled him to regain some of his confidence. Thereafter he scored frequently.

Petersen's won deservedly, though he lacked the ability to follow up the opportunities that came his way.

Petersen's share of the fight was \$4,300 and Harvey received \$3,000. Their weights were 12st. 9lb. and 12st. 9lb. respectively.

WINGS OVER EUROPE

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The Memorandum concludes by saying: "Bolshevism is making haste to penetrate into Central Europe, while Slovakia is still in the hands of the Czechs. There is urgent need of preventing such a catastrophe. It will be too late if Soviet planes take off from Slovakia to drop their bombs over Vienna, Warsaw, Budapest or Berlin." — Trans-Ocean Service.

The Hong Kong Stock Exchange have received a cable from Messrs. Derrick & Co. Local Secretaries in Singapore of the East Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd., announcing the output for the four weeks ending January 25, 1936, to be 2,107 ounces.

SERIOUS RIOTS IN CAIRO

Assume Really Grave Aspect

STEEL-HELMETED TROOPS
CALLED OUT

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Cairo, To-day.

The rioting by students assumed a really grave aspect here in course of yesterday, when finally troops with steel helmets had to be called out in order to quell the disturbances. In various parts of the city the students erected barricades, which the troops had to break down with heavy lorries. The troops are also occupying all Government buildings and the University and high school, while the entire police is held in a state of alarm.

For the first time the police are making use of a machine which sprays an inklike liquid, the stains of which are extremely difficult to remove and change colour daily. The object is to help identify rioters later when arrested.

The students shot with revolvers at the police working the machine, and Major Holm, who was the object of their special dislike, was seriously wounded. Near Alazhar the rioting was most serious. There the students of the oldest and largest Mohammedan University had so far not taken part in any demonstrations of a nationalist character. Students of the Technical High School of Damamhour tore up the rails, and all railway traffic was in consequence held up for several hours.

SCHOOL STRIKE SPREADS
Cairo, Earlier: The University has been closed indefinitely owing to a renewed outburst of student demonstrations on Tuesday. The school strike continues to spread and now includes girls' schools. Three students, wounded during the recent shooting affrays, are now dead. One other student was killed at Damamhour on Tuesday and several others were more or less seriously wounded.

The unrest was still going on at a late hour on Tuesday night, the fears being that it would be resumed yesterday.

Collisions between students and the police again occurred yesterday morning, when students attempted to force an entrance into the closed high school. The whole city is in a state of agitation. The military police is patrolling the streets to enforce order.

60 STUDENTS WOUNDED
Later: Sixty high school students were wounded in collisions with the police yesterday, 10 of them being seriously hurt. One who is a relative of the Wafd leader, Nasseh Pasha, lost an eye. All Cairo high schools and technical colleges are now shut, and the bridge across the Nile to the suburb of Gizeh, where the University is situated, is closed. The whole city is said to be in a state of offensiveness.

Six Provincial Governors have asked the Home Minister to close the high schools in other parts of Egypt also, since proclamations everywhere arouse anxiety. It is feared that new "incidents" may occur. — Trans-Ocean Service.

JURY'S VERDICT OF HOMICIDE

Day Held In Special
Custody

Joliet, To-day.

The jury has brought in a verdict of homicide against the convict James Day in connection with the death of Loeb. Day alleged that Loeb threatened him with a razor. Day has been held in special custody pending action by a grand jury. — Reuter.

An earlier message said that Richard Loeb, aged 30, who with Nathaniel Leopold was convicted in the famous "Bristol" murder case in 1924 and sentenced to life imprisonment, died in the prison hospital on Tuesday after a fight with a fellow convict named Day. Loeb was deeply slashed with a razor.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone over China continues to increase in intensity, and pressure is highest to the north-west of Shanghai. North-east winds, fresh, cloudy, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

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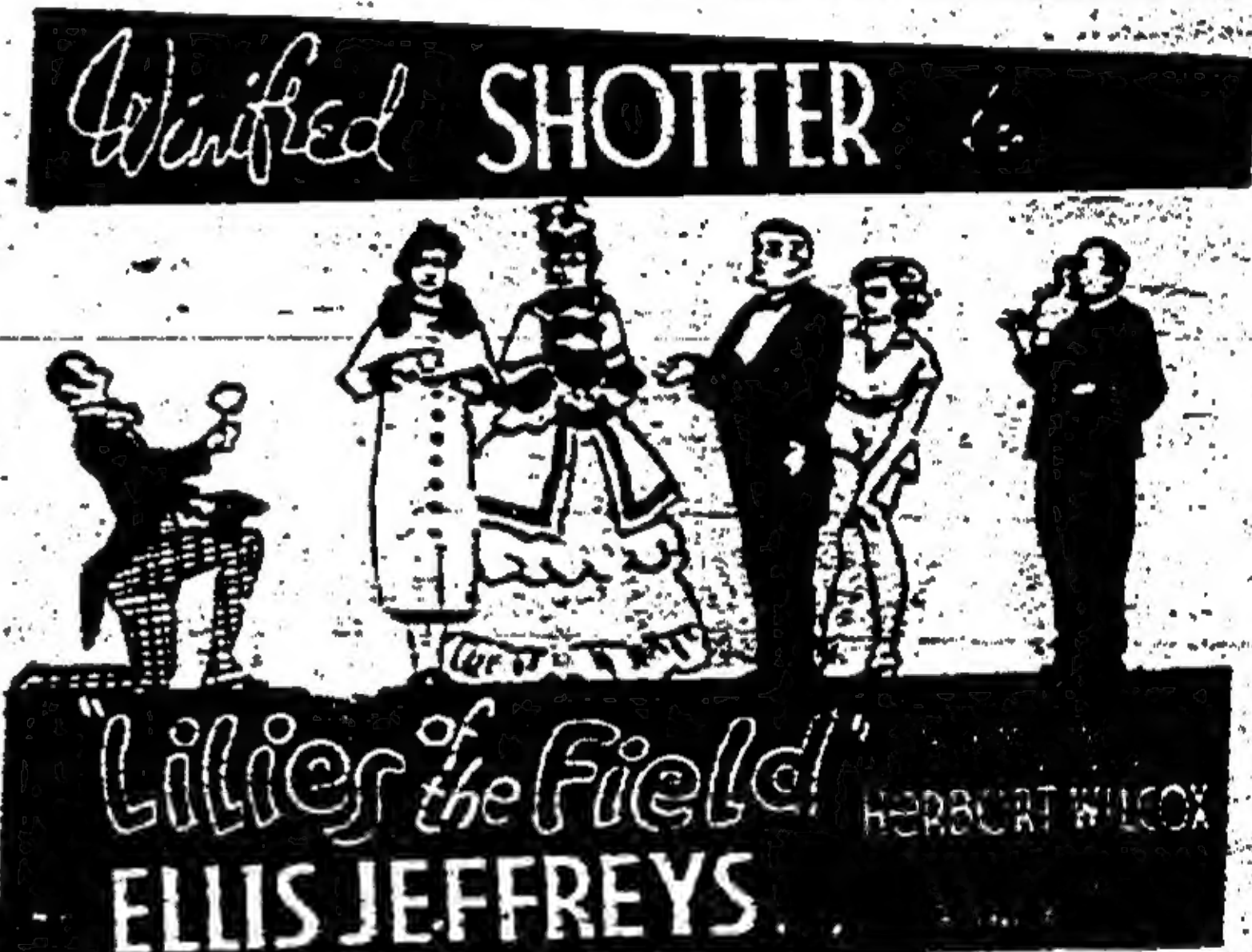


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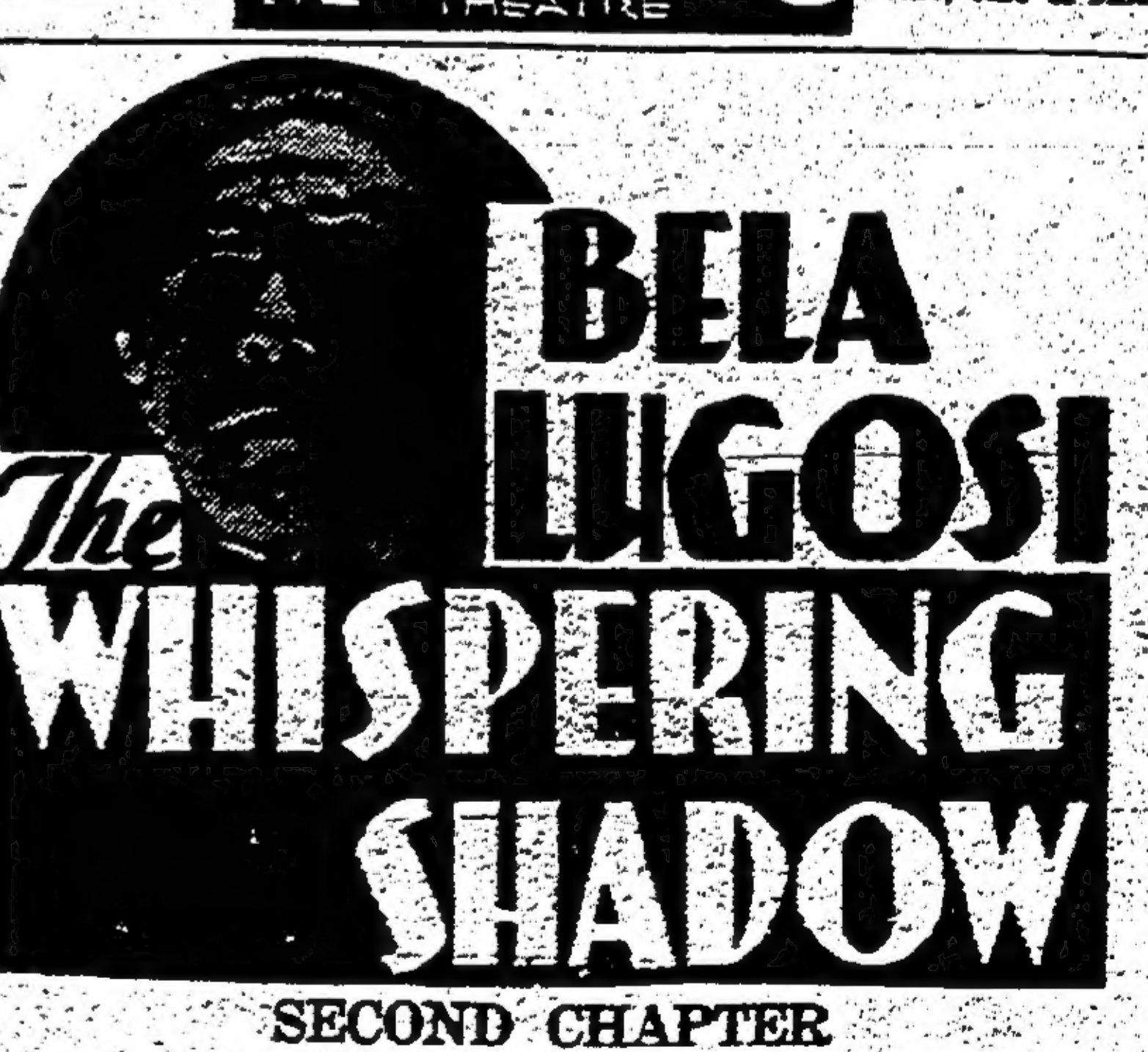


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